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Moscow puts arms pressure on Thatcher

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Tass last night issued a sharply worded attack on the British Government's nuclear policy in its first published commentary on the visit to Moscow by Mrs Margaret Thatcher later this month.

The agency said that, although the Kremlin would understand British concern for its national security, "Moscow will hardly understand the desire to reserve nuclear 'swords' and 'daggers' as well as striving to live with the balance of fear."

The five-page commentary by the military analyst Mr Vladimir Chernyshev was seen as an indication of the pressure Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, intends to impose on Britain, during his talks with Mrs Thatcher, to abandon its independent nuclear deterrent.

The critical Tass report comes after official Soviet claims about the importance of the visit in the context of finding a solution to international disarmament problems. It was seen in diplomatic circles as an important pointer to the line the Soviet side will adopt during the talks.

Pointing out that London and Moscow differed in their approaches to Mr Gorbachov's recent initiative on medium-range missiles in Europe, Tass said: "The Soviet Union considers a solution to the problem of Soviet and American medium-range missiles to be the first step on the road towards a nuclear-free Europe and towards ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

"The British Prime Minister, however, has repeatedly stated that Great Britain cannot build its defences on conventional arms alone. In her philosophy, nuclear weapons are something of a blessing and there is no alternative to the nuclear strategy."

The agency accused Mrs Thatcher of "hurrying" after October's Reykjavik summit to Washington, "where she tried to persuade President Ronald Reagan not to go beyond the point of 50 per cent reductions in strategic offensive arms and to renounce the obligation concerning their abolition over a period 10 years."

Mr Richard Perle, the US arms-control expert, yesterday predicted a US-Soviet pact on medium-range missiles by the autumn.

Tass claimed that Mrs Thatcher's aim was to protect Britain's nuclear capability "and preserve the privileged membership of the nuclear club' and Britain's place in it so as to differ from Western nations by at least that."

The Soviet commentary added: "Some time back, London promised to join with the USSR and the United States if they agreed on a substantial reduction of their nuclear forces. Now that effective opportunities have presented themselves for starting the nuclear disarmament process, there exists a real threat to Britain's imaginary privileges stemming from nuclear status, and the promises given in the past have become something totally unwanted and a burden of sorts for the Tory Government."

The agency then accused Mrs Thatcher of wanting to build up Britain's nuclear arsenal; of having no intention of giving up "modernization" in the form of the purchase of the Trident missile system; and of being "unwilling to give up the participation in the SDI programme, although ... aware that SDI is hindering accord on the reduction of strategic arms."

● The Moscow attack on Mrs Thatcher's nuclear policy did not cause any great upset in Whitehall last night (Our Political Editor writes). While Mrs Thatcher has described Mr Gorbachov as a man with whom she can do business, she does not expect to find the process an easy one, and it is recognized that the Russians have their strategy for any talks during her visit to Moscow beginning on March 28 just as she does.

The Russians have already made it clear publicly that they attach importance to Mrs Thatcher's visit as a means of helping to make a breakthrough in Anglo-Soviet relations, but some warning shots that she would not get things all her own way had been expected.



Mr Matthew Taylor celebrates with Mrs Annette Penhaligon, widow of the late MP.

Appeal next week in MI5 memoirs case

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister underlined expectations yesterday that the Government will announce early next week that it is to appeal against the refusal by the New South Wales Supreme Court to ban the memoirs of the former MI5 agent, Mr Peter Wright.

Though the Government refused Opposition demands for an official statement in the Commons, Mrs Thatcher said yesterday during a tour of North Wales: "There was a principle to uphold which was fundamental to our security service. You need a good security system. We are expecting to appeal against the judgment." She denied that the Wright affair was the "diabolical mess" claimed by the Opposition.

Officials were already studying the question of an appeal yesterday and ministers will discuss it on Monday. There will be no Commons statement until a decision on the appeal has been reached.

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, who has just returned to work after an enforced rest for medical reasons, faces Question Time in the Commons on Monday and there is a possibility that the decision could be announced then.

The Government has 28 days to appeal against the decision, by Mr Justice Philip Powell, and Mrs Thatcher and her Ministers are prepared to pursue to the end the principle that former intelligence service operatives should not be allowed to breach their life-long duty of confidentiality. It was being emphasised in Whitehall that they are entirely unabashed by the court rebuff.

An appeal would have the advantage for the Government of making the matter *sub judice* once again in the Australian courts — thus limiting the possibility of political comment in Britain, almost certainly until a General Election campaign is over.

Ministers had become resigned to losing before Judge Powell, whose conduct of the case they regard as idiosyncratic. But the watchword in Whitehall last night was that they had only lost the first round.

Effectively the court's finding sustains the Opposition's case that the Government has been inconsistent in its treatment of Mr Wright's book compared with the treatment of other books on the intelligence services.

Mr Alan Williams, Labour's deputy spokesman on Commons affairs, said that the Australian judgement declared the Government guilty of past failure to preserve the very secrets it was now suggested were essential for national security.

The Liberal leader, Mr David Steel, said that the judgment left the Government in an embarrassing mess.

Supporting the Government, Mr Michael Mates, chairman of the Select Committee on Defence, said that the Government would have to pursue the case further.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister yesterday attacked the claims in a new book by Nigel West, otherwise known as Mr Rupert Allason, the Tory candidate for Torbay, that Mr Graham Mitchell, the Deputy Director General of the Security Service from 1957 to 1963, might have been a Russian agent.

Mr West claimed in his latest book *Molehunt* that Mr Mitchell, who died in 1984, was the Fifth Man, following Burgess, Maclean, Philby and Blunt. Mrs Thatcher said the publication of such allegations against public servants who cannot defend themselves is to be "deplored", as was the damage done by such accusations

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£25m first casualty of Big Bang

By Carol Leonard

The first casualty of the City's Big Bang — its reorganization four months ago — was announced yesterday when Greenwell Montagu Securities, the stockbroking arm of Midland Bank, decided to withdraw from market-making after suffering losses believed to be more than £25 million.

It is the first market-maker to admit defeat and revert to being an agency broker since Big Bang abolished fixed commissions and allowed broking and jobbing firms to merge into market-making operations.

A spokesman for the firm said it had decided to withdraw "in an orderly fashion in the near future," after encountering fiercer-than-expected competition. He said it would concentrate on providing a broker dealer and agency service for clients. Greenwell Montagu Gilt Edged, will, however, continue to make a market in gilt-edged stocks.

An agency broker buys and sells shares on commission from a market-maker, while a market-maker is a "wholesaler" who takes the risk of traded stocks on to his own books.

Greenwell is understood to have considered stopping its market-making activities in certain sectors only — in line with Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, which stopped making markets in food stocks this week — before agreeing, under pressure from Midland, to withdraw completely. Midland refused to recapitalize the market-making venture because it was a "non-core activity."

Sources suggest that one of the problems at Greenwell was the tight control exercised by Midland. The bank is believed to have been reluctant to allow its market-makers to run either short or long positions on their equity books after close of stock market business — usually a profitable trading tactic before Big Bang.

Crushing Liberal win at Truro gives boost to Alliance

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Alliance received yet another boost yesterday from Mr Matthew Taylor's resounding victory at Truro to become the youngest member of the House of Commons.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, was quick to predict that Mrs Thatcher would refuse to be rushed into an early general election in the wake of the Alliance's success.

The increase in the Alliance's vote to 14,617 astounded even the campaign managers who had expected at least a slight dent in the late Mr David Penhaligon's majority at the 1983 general election of 10,480.

The by-election left the Conservatives once again licking their wounds as their candidate, merchant banker Nicholas St Aubyn, polled only 15,982 compared with 20,799 in 1983. The Labour Party will enjoy some solace after Mr John King increased its percentage of the vote from 4.5 to 7.1 per cent, although he polled only 3,603 votes.

The swing from Conservatives to Liberals was 4.8 per cent; and from the Conservatives to Labour, 4.5 per cent, with the turnout lower than expected at 70.2 per cent.

Hot on the heels of the Alliance's success at Greenwich it has given the joint parties a tremendous boost, increasing their chances in the local elections on May 7.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, was swift to claim that the increase was the result of the "sympathy vote" after the death of Mr Penhaligon in a car crash before Christmas.

As Mr Taylor was carried shoulder-high from Truro County Hall after the result came through yesterday lunchtime Mr Steel hailed his success as a vote of confidence for the Alliance style of politics.

"This is a much greater triumph than we ever hoped for. There was a very big personal vote for David Penhaligon in Truro before and now Matthew Taylor has come in and swept the board.

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, described it as "a sensational result" which re-emphasized the surge in support for the Alliance.

Mr Taylor, who had worked as Mr Penhaligon's research assistant, is to take his seat in the Commons on Tuesday — Budget day. He said he had a lot to live up to but would not be "a second David Penhaligon".

The Liberals calculated that in the 16 by-elections of this Parliament the percentage of votes given to each party was:

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M Taylor (L/All)	30,599
N St Aubyn (Con)	15,982
J King (Lab)	3,603
J Hopbrough (Green)	403
H Anscomb (Dth off Rds)	75
Lib/All majority	14,617
Total vote 50,662	Turnout 70.2%

Share of the vote

	1987	1983
Alliance	60.4%	57.3%
Conservative	31.6%	38.1%
Labour	7.1%	4.5%

1983: D Penhaligon (L/All) 31,279; P Buddell (C) 20,799; Ms J M Beecroft (Lab) 2,479. L/All maj. 10,480 (19.2%).

Alliance, 39 per cent; Conservative 30 per cent and Labour, 28 per cent.

Mrs Thatcher described Truro as "a very unusual by-election" and the result "was expected", insisting that future results could not be deduced from it.

"It will not affect the date of the next general election. It was a very special by-election".

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, said: "It is clear that Labour voters have been coming back to the Labour Party even when the Liberals have increased their majority".

● Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, scoffed last night at the Alliance's "obsession" with proportional representation, hung Parliaments and tactical voting.

He said public opinion polls repeatedly showed that three-quarters of the electorate did not want an Alliance government.

Six injured in protest against Harvey Proctor

Six people were injured yesterday after a demonstration by about 400 people at Hull University against Mr Harvey Proctor, the Conservative MP for Billericay.

Mr Proctor was scheduled to address a private meeting but, according to the university's Conservative Association, he was attacked by demonstrators as he tried to leave his chauffeur-driven car.

He was forced back inside the vehicle and the injuries happened as it was being driven away.

Demonstrators said the car was reversed too quickly. One of the injured suffered a broken ankle.

Mrs Beverley Culley, the university information officer, said that outsiders were responsible for the violence.

Mr Gordon Lindsay, spokesman for the University Conservative Association, said: "We are very distressed that anyone got hurt. If they had stuck to their original intention of a peaceful demonstration none of this would have happened."

Mr Kevin McNamara, the Labour MP for Hull North, has called for an inquiry.

INSIDE

Engineers blamed for death blast

Engineering consultants with a worldwide reputation have been principally blamed for the Abbeystead pumping station explosion in May 1984 which killed 16 people on a sightseeing tour and scarred 28 others for life.

Binnie & Partners have been apportioned 55 per cent liability in a High Court case brought in Lancaster by 31 survivors and relatives of those who died Page 2

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Innocent plea

Mr Jonathan Greenwood, aged 28, the City share dealer at the centre of a government inquiry into insider trading by civil servants, has claimed he is innocent. Page 13

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Anne eighth

Princess Anne, riding Cnoc Na Cuille, finished eighth out of 12 finishers in the Military Gold Cup at Sandown Park. The race was won by Burnt Oak Page 36

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What does it cost to get married? Some people even take out loans to marry off their children

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Portfolio

● There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — the weekly prize of £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.

● Yesterday's daily prize of £8,000, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Thursday, was won by Mr Leonard Donaghue, of Edinburgh. Details, page 3.

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Kinnock plea for end to squabbles

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley attempted yesterday to revive Labour's flagging electoral fortunes by appealing to wayward party supporters to put the needs of Britain before their own indiscipline and squabbling.

After a week dominated by differences over defence policy and Commons' tea-room tantrums, the Labour leader and his deputy implicitly warned rebellious Labour politicians inside and outside Parliament that any more rifts or damaging public outbursts would scupper the party's General Election chances.

Mr Kinnock, speaking to the Scottish Labour Party Conference in Perth, departed from his prepared text and appeared to single out Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, who started the defence squabble, by insisting that the need for solidarity should apply to the most junior and "the most senior".

Mr Kinnock said he would not allow the policies which formed the "cutting edge" of Labour's election campaign "to be blunted by any divisions or diversion".

While he accepted Labour supporters could not be dragooned into conformity, everyone "must feel themselves propelled into solidarity by the millions who need to be rid of the burden of this Government, and need to be given the hope and opportunity and support of a Labour government".

Mr Hattersley, speaking at a jobs conference in Cardiff, was even more forthright. He appeared to aim as much at the "loony left" outside the Commons as certain Labour MPs.

While voters knew Labour was the only party that could put Britain back to work and reverse manufacturing decline, "they are not yet certain that, for all our good intentions and detailed plans, we have the necessary self-discipline and single-mindedness to win that election".

He said: "They want to be sure that the indisciplined actions of individuals, many of whom are on the fringe of the Labour party, will not deflect the next Labour government.

"My message to those individuals is clear. Between now and the General Election, always ask yourself one question. 'Is what you are about to do or say what Mr Norman Tebbit would want you to do or say? If it is, then don't do it, and don't say it'."

IRA admit funeral attack

By Robin Young

The IRA yesterday for the first time claimed responsibility for an attack on a police funeral.

Five police officers and a woman were taken to hospital after bombs disrupted the funeral of a police reservist, Constable Peter Nesbitt, who was killed by a booby trap bomb in Belfast on Tuesday.

One bomb exploded in a stolen car which four officers were examining at the entrance gate to Roselawn Cemetery and Crematorium, seven miles from Belfast city centre, about 45 minutes before Constable Nesbitt's funeral was due to pass.

At the time a Royal Ulster Constabulary guard of honour was bearing Constable Nesbitt's coffin, draped with the Union flag and carrying his police cap, from a church 10 miles away. The constable's cortege was delayed for three hours while Army bomb experts combed the cemetery. Six other funerals were postponed.

Another three bombs exploded in the city centre.

In a statement the IRA said: "If you want to bury your dead then keep a dignified distance from Republican and Nationalist funerals".

Police regularly attend terrorist funerals to prevent paramilitary displays.

The Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Nicholas Scott, said: "Not content with murdering a man who was actually protecting the Nationalist community in Ardoyne, they then turn round, bomb and attempt to bomb the funeral procession."

In Rostrevor, Co Down, a Protestant lorry driver was shot dead by IRA terrorists in mistake for a part-time soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Government to fund black bank project

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General and the Government's chief employment spokesman in the Commons, announced yesterday that the Government is to fund a £20,000 study into setting up a special bank for black businessmen who distrust the ordinary system (Our Political Editor writes).

The project was one of a series of six inner-city "Task Force" initiatives, worth £559,000 in all, announced by Mr Clarke on a visit to Bristol.

He told reporters in the St Paul's area, scene of riots last September, that although he felt banks dealt with all small businessmen in the same way there was some feeling among black businessmen that they "don't always get a fair crack of the whip"

Fashionable Prague waltzes slowly into future

From Richard Bassett
Prague

"Tickets for the ball, sir?" The Lucerna Arcade, which links the venerable Hotel Alcron and Wenceslas Square, is full of surprises. The young man in tails, brandishing stiff invitations to the Prague School of Economics' annual ball, is unexpected in a city still associated in the West with gloomy beer houses.

But as the 900 students and their teachers waltzing to the strains of the "Blue Danube" in the Art Nouveau-style Grand Lucerna Ballroom all testified, it is not just the façades of Prague's crumbling Baroque architecture which have been brightened up in the past few years.

At the Economics Ball, the Lucerna highball cocktail, a powerful mixture of vermouth and brandy at 15 crowns (£1) a shot, proved more popular than the traditional Pilsen beer selling at a more modest six crowns a mug.

Wing-collars and double-breasted suits, inherited from a generation which enjoyed the best tailoring in Central Europe, waltzed by the hundred with girls whose fashion sense and dancing ability would be envied further east in Vienna.

The graduates who opened the ball to the strains of "Gaudeamus Igitur" had no doubts about their future.

"You will see, our economy will develop. Give us a few years and the Czech crown will hold its own with all your Western currencies," a young graduate, coolly propping up the bar, optimistically predicted.

He insisted that his generation, for all its adherence to old manners, expected to be in the vanguard of change.

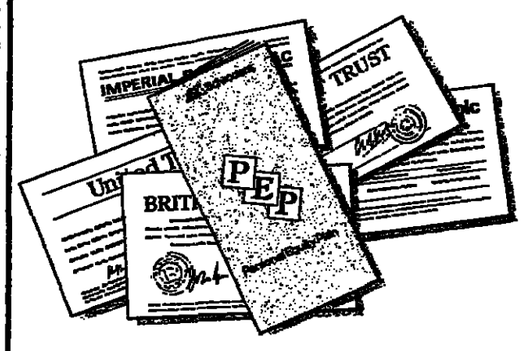
Elsewhere in Prague, the end of food shortages and a gradual increase in living standards have reinforced the prevailing air of modest prosperity in the capital.

At the end of the Charles Bridge, where the battle to restore the countless façades of Europe's greatest concentration of Baroque architecture has been waged particularly effectively, the 17th-century Three Ostriches Inn has become the most sought-after hotel. Booked up months in advance, its restaurant is widely admitted to have the finest kitchen this side of the Iron Curtain.

Opposite, frequented by many more Czechslovaks than foreigners, is the no less popular Columbia Coffee House.

Such chic establishments, more usually encountered in recent times in Hungary, are no doubt on the increase in Czechoslovakia. Whatever the political changes here in the next year, there can be no doubt that Prague is becoming a brighter place.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Police are shot stopping robbery

Two policemen were wounded yesterday chasing an armed robber who opened fire with handguns before fleeing in a hijacked car. A third officer escaped injury when a bullet passed through his clothing (Our Crime Reporter writes).

The two wounded men, a sergeant and a constable who had only recently joined the force, were shot in the legs after police foiled an attempt to rob a security van in Charlton, south London. A second man involved in the robbery was held by other officers. The car hijacked by the first man as he escaped was later found abandoned near by.

Sergeant David Hadaway, aged 40, and Constable Stephen Rainsford, aged 25, underwent surgery at Greenwich District Hospital, where both were said to be comfortable. The crew of the security van had noticed they were being followed by a motorcycle carrying two men. When the van arrived at a cash and carry store in Anchor and Hope Lane, Charlton, security staff called the police.

Apology by Brent

The London borough of Brent apologized in the High Court yesterday for delaying carrying out an order to promote Mrs Paulina Powell to principal housing benefits officer and increase her pay, pending the outcome of a dispute over her appointment.

Mr Jonathan Hendy, counsel for Mrs Powell, told Mr Justice Warner that Brent had now fully complied with the order. Mrs Powell had sought a prison committal order against the council's chief executive for contempt.

PC trial nears end

The judge in the PC Blakelock murder trial at the Central Criminal Court will begin his summing-up on Monday.

Mr Justice Hodgson is expected to send the jury to consider its verdict on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Three men are accused of murdering the officer on October 6, 1985, during disturbances on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham. Three juveniles have been cleared of a similar charge. One is still accused of riotous assembly.

To the manor borne

The Duke and Duchess of York moved yesterday into the rambling yellow stone manor house, deep in Thomas Hardy's Dorset countryside which is to be their temporary home.

The Duke, who is stationed at Portland Naval Base 15 miles away, arrived at Chideock Manor, near Bridport, in time for lunch. He was met by the Duchess who had driven down from London last night in her red Jaguar XJS.

Sir Robin apology



The Dean of Law at Exeter University has apologized to Sir Robin Day (right) for the conduct of students at a dinner last weekend at which the broadcaster was the guest speaker.

Though Sir Robin, an honorary graduate of the university, finished his speech he left the hall shortly afterwards when food was thrown at the top table by his audience, the Bracton Law Society.

The dean of the law faculty, Mr David Perrot, has written a reprimand to the final year students.

Fashion swings in

London Designer Week opened on a high note yesterday with both headlines and overseas interest rising. Skirts cropped off well above the knee and shortie trapeze-line coats are making London swing again (Suzy Menkes writes).

Eight thousand buyers are expected to attend the selling exhibition at Olympia, West London, which opens this morning until Wednesday.

More than 300 stands offering British fashion for next autumn/winter are joined by a contingent of overseas exhibitors, in a Contemporary International section, introduced by Philbeach Event, Olympia's organizers.

Militant in Whitehall union squabble

By Roland Rudd

A constitutional squabble has broken out in the largest Civil Service union in the run-up for the influential post of its deputy general secretary.

The ruling National Moderate Group in the Civil and Public Services Association has been accused of "flagrant rule breaking" in its attempt to stop Mr John Macreadie, a Militant supporter.

Only hours before the nominations closed for the post, the National Moderate Group yesterday withdrew its candidate, Mr Barry Ringsbottom, in favour of Mr Terry Ainsworth.

Mr Ainsworth is aged 53 and, according to a well established practice in the union, if elected he will be forced to retire at 55, only two years into his term of office.

The moderate group is saying that there is nothing in the union's constitution which specifically states that officers have to retire at 55. But it does admit that it is both the custom and practice to retire at 55.

His main opponent, Mr Macreadie, who is standing for the broad left, was yesterday claiming that the moderate group was again breaking the rules in "a paranoid move" to stop him winning.

"We have a clearly stated policy that officers must retire at 55", Mr Macreadie said. "There are no ifs or buts about it."

There was speculation yesterday that the national president of the union, Miss Marian Chambers, had ruled Mr Ainsworth as too old to run in the election.

Other moderate members, who are not part of the National Moderate Group, were also incensed by yesterday's developments.

Mr Peter Desmond-Thomas, who is standing in the election as an independent, claimed that the National Moderate Group would do anything to stop Mr Macreadie from winning. "The moderate group cannot go on having elections until they win them", he said.

By common consent the previous moderate candidate for the post of deputy general secretary, Mr Ringsbottom, did not have the organization or ability to beat Mr Macreadie.

Mr Macreadie is expected to have a strong sympathy vote after he was stripped of his post as general secretary amid allegations of electoral malpractice.

As the nominations closed last night it looked like a close race between Mr Macreadie and Mr Ainsworth. The election is spread over several weeks next month.

In a separate development yesterday the union's national executive committee looked into Mr Macreadie's election expenses.

Abbeystead designers blamed for gas blast

By Ian Smith

Negligence by the designers, builders, and owners of the Abbeystead pumping station caused the explosion in which 16 villagers died and 28 others were seriously injured, a judge ruled yesterday.

Damages expected to exceed £3 million will now be claimed by 31 survivors and relatives of the victims who were killed when methane gas ripped apart the pumping station valve house during a public relations visit.

Sitting at the High Court in Lancaster, Mr Justice Christopher Rose, who had spent seven weeks listening to 138 hours of evidence from 37 witnesses, ruled that Binnie and Partners, an internationally renowned company of civil engineers, were primarily responsible and must accept 55 per cent of the blame.

The failure at the design and construction stage, negligence in appreciating the methane danger and the decision not to change the valve house design were said by the judge to be one of the two principal causes of explosion.

The North West Water Authority was also at fault. Its geologists failed to keep abreast of new discoveries about methane gas, and, over a four-and-a-half-year period, did not appreciate the safety implications. They were 30 per cent to blame.

The remaining 15 per cent of blame was apportioned to Nuttall and Co, builders of the £68 million water distribution scheme because they did not react to warnings about the presence of methane gas while they were tunnelling below the Wyre Valley hillside.

The judgement was heard by dozens of couples from St Michael's on Wyre, who had been invited to visit Abbeystead on the fateful evening to allay fears that their homes would be flooded as a result of the water authority scheme to pump water from the River Lune into the Wyre river near by.

Among them was Mr Tim Eckersley, the principal plaintiff, who lost his son, Mark, aged 11. In evidence, Mr Eckersley, whose face is badly scarred from burns, told how he saw a brilliant blue flash below a valve room grid, was blown off his feet by an explosion and regained consciousness to see his son buried under mounds of rubble.

"We have waited a long time for justice and it hurts every time I have to remember that night", Mr Eckersley, aged 46, said.

The former chairman of St Michael's Parish Church, Mr George Tyson, who suffered 55 per cent burns and lost his wife Edith, felt blame had been apportioned properly. "It has been an uphill struggle, a hell of an experience for everyone but now we have to learn to live again."

Interim payments of £3,500 were awarded to each of the 22 survivors among the plaintiffs for the nervous shock they had suffered during the tragedy.

The interim payments will not be made until the end of the five weeks in which defendants are able to appeal.

The plaintiffs were also awarded interim legal costs of £100,000. It is expected that their claims will be lodged within three months.

Engineers for the water authority are redesigning the valve house and work is expected to begin within 12 months.

The authority has also introduced methane gas testing procedures. Every structure with a door or roof is now tested before public entry is allowed. Mr Bryan Oldfield, the chief executive, said after the decision.

Binnie and Partners, the plant designers, and Edmund Nuttall, the builders, refused to comment.



John Stalker and his wife Stella yesterday, on his last day as deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, outside the Salford police station where his career began.

Stalker's last day in police

By a Staff Reporter

Mr John Stalker walked away from his job of deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester last night without a backward glance, or fond farewell from his chief constable, Mr James Anderton.

Once destined for the highest echelons of law enforcement, possibly as Metropolitan Police Commissioner or even Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Police, Mr Stalker, aged 47, starts a new career on Monday as general manager of a soap opera television company.

The startling career switch was forced on him. Reinstated to the eleventh-floor command suite after being suspended, and then found innocent, of bringing the force into disrepute by associating with known criminals, he thought his eight-month ordeal was over.

But he was wrong: the officer second in seniority only to Mr Anderton was effectively squeezed out of all the important policy making.

Finally he confronted Mr Anderton and Sir Philip Myers, HM Inspector of Constabulary for the region, to discover whether the previous meteoric rise in his career had ended. Yes, he was told bluntly, it had.

"There was no point in continuing", Mr Stalker admitted candidly last night.

"When I decided to take early retirement I had no idea what I was going to do. Then Mersey Television approached me."

The company is behind Channel 4's *Brookside* series.

Mr Stalker does not leave his £33,000 a year job with bitterness, just puzzlement. Even today he does not know why he was removed as head of the sensitive investigation into the Royal Ulster Constabulary's alleged shoot to kill policy and then accused of consorting with criminals.

As he begins his new job on Monday, Mr Stalker believes those questions will remain unanswered.

Opposition grows to second reactor

By Robert Matthews

Opponents of nuclear power are drawing up plans to fight the building of Britain's second pressurized water reactor (PWR) at Hinkley Point in Somerset.

The Central Electricity Generating Board made clear its desire to build a second PWR at the Hinkley site immediately after winning approval from the Government to build the first such reactor at Sizewell in Suffolk. An application for planning permission is likely to be made in the autumn.

But there are fears that this would simply be rubber-stamped by a public inquiry after comments by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, that it would be "crazy" to hold another safety inquiry into a PWR.

"We have had the biggest inquiry in the history of mankind into that kind of reactor; it would be crazy to duplicate it", he said.

But both Somerset County Council and anti-nuclear groups in the Hinkley area believe that any future PWR should be subjected to an in-depth study of its safety, at least as detailed as that into the Sizewell B project by Sir Frank Layfield.

The county council has contingency funds of about £250,000 to fight any CEGB planning application.

According to Mr Colin Hines, a Greenpeace nuclear campaigner, the board will face "adamant opposition" from anti-nuclear groups in Somerset.

Salvage of ferry may be delayed

By Thomson Prentice and Nicholas Beeston

The salvage operation to raise the Herald of Free Enteprise could be delayed by deteriorating weather in the next few days.

Although the operators are confident that the capsized Townsend Thoresen ferry will be righted by the end of the month, work may have to be postponed tomorrow or Monday because of predicted force six to seven winds.

About 100 men are working on the operation. Two salvage vessels, two tugs, two barges and two floating cranes surround the ship.

The plan is to winch the ferry with 32 steel cables fixed to the hull attached to a hydraulic system on the barges and anchored to 16 steel piles driven into the sea bed.

Mr Mike Ridley, the chief marine superintendent of Townsend Thoresen, yesterday discounted the theory that the ferry struck the sloping foundations of the eastern wall of the harbour.

"If it had touched the hull it would have cut it open like a can opener", he said.

"There is no sign of damage on the starboard side and at the moment we believe no collision took place with any object."

Mr Ridley said he believed that the ferry was forced into an extreme starboard turn by the inrush of water through the bow doors.

The instinctive response of Captain David Lewry, the ferry master, to throw the ship's engines to full-astern, as has been established, would probably have caused a loss of steering and a tilt to one side of the ship, he said.

The first of the chain of events leading to the capsize was probably a rush of water thorugh the bow doors into the lorry deck, he said.

● Lawyers representing the survivors and victims of the ferry disaster are expected to co-ordinate their claims in the hope of breaking the £38,000 legal limit on damages for injuries caused at sea.

Solicitors representing the claimants meet next week and are likely to appoint Mr Michael Napier, a lawyer experienced in multiple disasters, to head a steering committee to co-ordinate the action.

Mr Napier, who is a senior partner in the firm Pannone Napier, said his "absolute priority" was to break through the £38,000 damages limit set out in the Athens convention.

● The trustees of the Channel ferry disaster fund yesterday thanked the public for its "magnificent kindness" in donating a total of £1.8 million in one week.

Mr John Moir, the chairman of the fund and chief executive of Dover District Council, said payments would be made to those involved in the disaster as soon as possible. But no money could be released until after police had compiled a definitive list of the casualties which could take at least two weeks.

Maxwell gagged by injunction

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The London evening newspaper war ended its third week yesterday with the legal gagging of Mr Robert Maxwell.

The *London Daily News* publisher was forbidden by a High Court judge to repeat an accusation that his rival, *The London Evening Standard*, is lying about its circulation figures.

The temporary injunction was granted by Mr Justice Gatehouse after a private 45-minute hearing.

It prohibits Mr Maxwell and his employees from "publishing or causing to be published any statements suggesting that the plaintiff has lied about the circulation figures of *The London Evening Standard* and has thereby attempted to mislead the newspaper's readers or advertisers".

Lawyers for *The Standard* said a libel action against Mr Maxwell will follow.

Mr Maxwell is suing *The Standard*, alleging it relaunched *The Evening News* to confuse people and damage his paper.

Fertile ground for scientific exchanges

The newest developments in agriculture, chemistry and physics will be among the highlights of this year's meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, being held in August at Queen's University, Belfast.

Attempts to prevent contamination of meat after a nuclear disaster, by adding clay minerals and soil substances to animal feedstuffs, will be discussed and food preservation by irradiation will be another topic.

In the physics field, talking to extra-terrestrials will be considered along with the prospects for achieving nuclear fusions, that is harnessing the energy of the sun on Earth.

The latest developments in the prevention and treatment of Aids will also be discussed.

On a lighter note, Dr Jonathan Miller will chair meetings on the philosophy of jokes, and why man seems to be the only animal with a sense of humour.

Inquiry into Liverpool's new jobs

By a Staff Reporter

Caretaker councillors who yesterday took over control of Liverpool after the expulsion of 47 left-wing members promised to rid the administration of Militant activists.

As a first step they will examine recent appointments made by Mr Derek Hatton and his colleagues. Those include that of Miss Beryl Molyneux, a former school crossing patrol woman, who was made press officer in the education department and Mr George Nibb, a council gardener who was selected as the council's £10,500-a-year industrial relations officer.

Also under review is the job of Mr Sam Bond, who outraged Liverpool's black community when he was taken on as race relations administrator.

They claimed left-wing sympathies rather than knowledge of black affairs prompted the appointments.

Under close scrutiny is the Static Security Force, known throughout Liverpool as Hatton's Private Army. It is alleged many members of the force were taken on because of their left-wing leanings.

Already, the takeover group of Liberal and SDP councillors has ordered the chief executive to take no further action on last-minute deals struck by the left-wing, including a £25 million plan to build and demolish houses, extend the education programme and introduce low-rate borrowing.

During their first meeting as the new controlling authority on Monday, the Alliance will nominate Lady Doreen Jones, wife of Liberal leader Sir Trevor Jones, as the city's first Lord Mayor since the appointment was scrapped by Labour three years ago.

Lady Doreen will be unable to travel in the mayoral coach. It now sits in a local museum and one of its two coach horses has been shot.

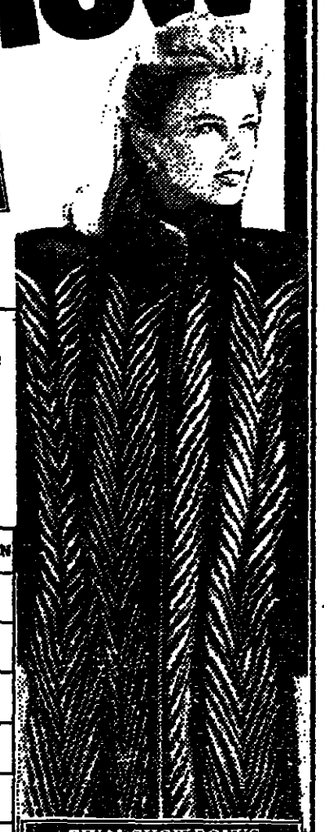
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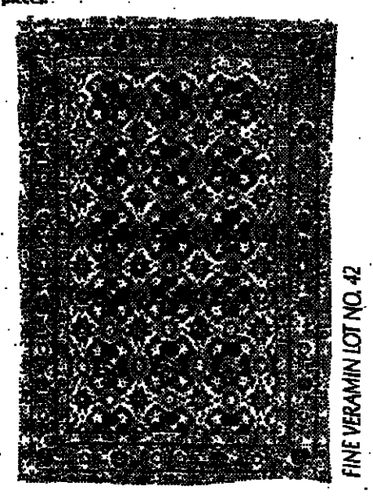
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Zones for smokers proposed as fumes bring cancer risk

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Smokers should be separated from non-smokers at work because of the risk of contracting lung cancer through passive smoking, according to an interim statement from the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health, published yesterday.

The committee, set up by the Government in 1973, says an analysis of recent studies on passive smoking shows that non-smokers are between 10 and 30 per cent more likely to get lung cancer if they are exposed to other people's tobacco smoke.

The statement came in a parliamentary answer by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services.

The committee said the risks of passive smoking would be higher in work and indoor leisure environments than at home, particularly for adults, because of the time spent in each setting.

"There is evidence to suggest that the non-smoker is best protected by segregation since ventilation is not always a practicable alternative", the committee said.

The Health Education Council, about to be disbanded, had already launched a campaign to discourage smoking in the presence of non smokers, Mr Fowler said.

The Government will be asking the replacement body, the Health Education Authority, to take account of the committee's analyses when considering how best to build on the council's educational work concerning the dangers of smoking.

The statement also recommends that the tobacco industry should commission research into reducing the amount, irritancy and other "deleterious" properties of tobacco smoke.

The committee, the members of which are appointed by health ministers, was established to advise the minister and, where appropriate, the tobacco industry on the scientific aspects of matters concerning smoking and health.

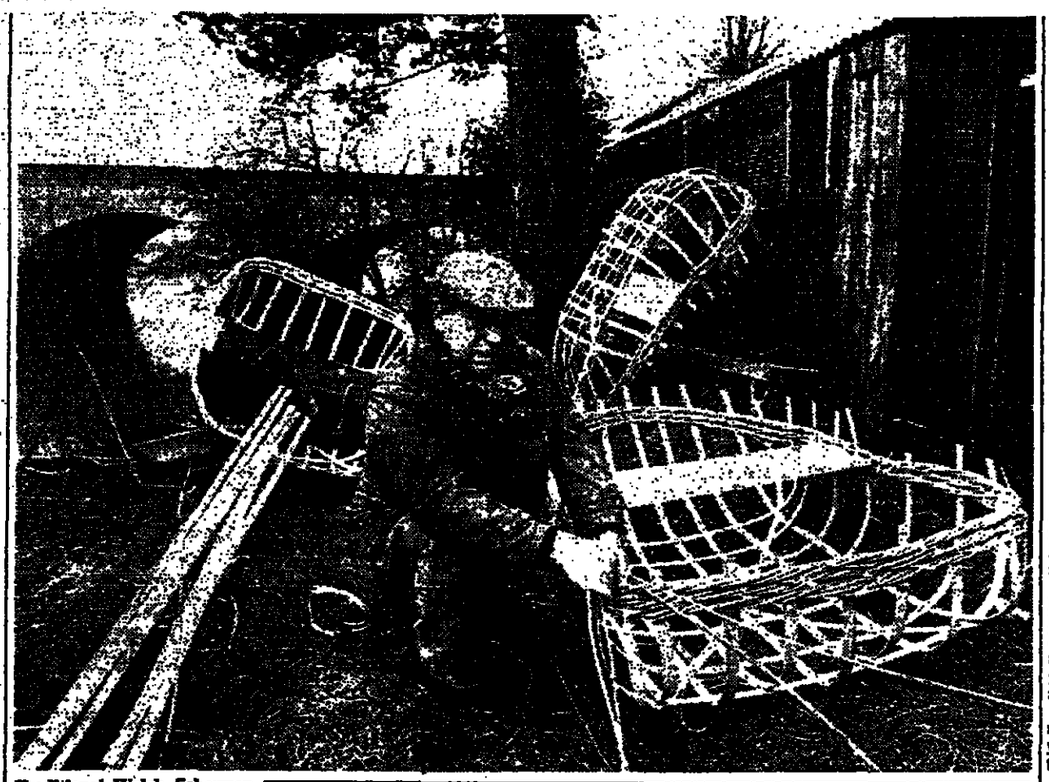
Earlier this week the pressure group Action on Smoking and Health called for legislation for smoke free zones in offices.

In its previous report on passive smoking, published in January 1985, the committee noted an exacerbation of symptoms in adults already suffering from heart disease and an increase in respiratory diseases in children. But it concluded that there was no statistical evidence of a causal link between passive smoking and lung cancer.

A recent review of 13 worldwide studies on passive smoking was carried out by a member of the committee, Professor Nicholas Wald of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, London. Published in the *British Medical Journal*, it showed that a third of the cases of lung cancer in non-smokers who live with smokers and about a quarter of the cases in non-smokers in general could be attributed to passive smoking.

Professor Wald admits that, *taken separately, few of the* individual studies showed a significant risk of lung cancer associated with exposure to tobacco smoke, because the samples were too small.

However, analysed together, the studies, carried out in Hong Kong, the United States, Greece, Japan, England, Sweden and Scotland, showed a significant increase in the risk to those living with smokers.



Traditional Welsh fishermen who are fighting a big rise in licence fees have secured some welcome publicity from George Lucas, the film maker.

Mr Raymond Rees, aged 53, (above) a coracler of Carmarthen, Dyfed, is making a handful of the basket-shaped fishing boats, constructed in ash and willow, to appear in a medieval-style fantasy film by Lucas called *Willow*.

"I hope the attention given to the coracle in this film will help our campaign to save our way of fishing", he said.

"Coracling is becoming rarer all the time and I'm sure that in two years' time you will see no more coracle fishing in west Wales because of its cost."

The price of licences for coraclers has risen by 300 per cent in the past year and the Welsh Water Authority will charge £432 next year.

(Photograph: Graham Wood).

Spanking doctor is banned

Kenneth Hines, the doctor who prescribed spankings for tension, guilt and giving up smoking, was banned from practising yesterday as it was disclosed that he had left a top London hospital after claims that he smacked nurses' bottoms.

The General Medical Council's disciplinary committee had heard that as a GP, God-fearing Dr Hines, aged 42 and married with two children, believed he was doing the Lord's work.

He drew up a scale of punishments, including a *smack on the bottom* for heavy petting and a hefty whack on the bare buttocks for sexual intercourse.

The "treatment" was ordered for at least five women patients, and on two occasions he administered it himself.

After finding the charges proved, the committee was told by Mr Vivian Robinson, QC, for the council, that Dr Hines resigned from St Bartholomew's Hospital in London in 1978.

"Complaints were received from a number of nurses, relating to unnecessary sexual talk and bottom-smacking."

Dr Hines, of Eastwood Road, South Woodford, in north-east London, did not deny advocating his treatment, but told the hearing in London it was purely *symbolic. He received no sexual* gratification from it.

Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, chairman of the disciplinary committee, told Dr Hines: "The committee is appalled by the evidence which they have heard regarding the inappropriate advocation of physical punishment as a therapy for emotionally stressed female patients".

Dr Hines would be suspended for eight months, when his case would be reviewed. After that, the GMC would consider limiting his practice.

One woman told the committee that without Dr Hines's help she would have committed suicide. But five women said they were amazed and angered by his treatments.

Mr Jonathan Caplan, for Dr Hines, said the GP's motives were genuine. But he had displayed a "naivety in this form of counselling, and has left himself open to being misunderstood".

Portfolio Gold

Prize will be spent on family

The winner of yesterday's *Portfolio Gold* had been hoping against hope that one day his numbers would add up correctly, and when they did he could not believe his luck, for he won double prize money of £8,000.

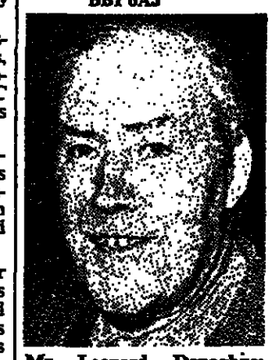
"My reaction was total amazement. I have been doing Portfolio since it began. I am so lucky there were no winners the previous day", Mr Leonard Donaghue, aged 63, a retired teacher from Merchiston Gardens, Edinburgh, said.

Mr Donaghue, who was headmaster of St Patrick's Primary School in Edinburgh, has nine grown-up children and nine grandchildren. He plans to give some of the £8,000 to his family.

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Hospital waiting lists rise

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The number of people waiting to go into hospital is still going up and has now reached a new peak of 681,901.

The figures released by the Department of Health and Social Security yesterday show that 9,000 people have been added to waiting lists in the six months up to last September.

The number of people waiting for urgent operations has also increased, to 47,561 representing a 10.4 per cent rise in the past 12 months. However, the figures indicate that the length of time each person waits for an operation may be going down.

The proportion of people waiting for urgent cases for more than a month has gone down from 63 per cent in March 1986 to 61 per cent last September.

The total figures conceal rises in waiting times in certain areas. North Western, Mersey and South West Thames health authorities have shown increases in the past year in urgent cases waiting over a month.

Mr Antony Newton, the Minister for Health, announcing the figures yesterday, said they "confirm the importance of our new initiative on waiting lists and times launched last year".

He referred to last month's £25 million allocation to 350 projects in health authorities.

The Government's drive to reduce waiting lists and waiting times was underlined by Sir Roy Griffiths, deputy chairman of the NHS management board.

Speaking at a seminar organized jointly by the Department of Health and Social Security and the King's Fund Centre, Sir Roy said: "Improvements can be made. It is a matter of management will, of management and clinicians accepting the view of the consumer that action must be taken and soon."

Russian go-ahead for overflights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Britain's two leading airlines have both been given permission to fly non-stop services to Tokyo from the end of May, reducing the present flying time between Britain and Japan by more than six hours.

The agreement, reached after weeks of complicated and often heated negotiations, means British Airways and British Caledonian will be locked in direct competition over one of the most profitable air routes in the world.

The deal is also seen as a big triumph for the team of negotiators from the Department of Transport who had to battle hard to persuade the Japanese to allow two British airlines on the route and the Russians to allow them to fly across Soviet air space.

The Russians are insisting that at least one of each airline's three flights a week must stop in Moscow on the way, and the final details will be settled in Moscow during Mrs Margaret Thatcher's visit later this month.

British Caledonian will launch the first non-stop service on Sunday, May 31, and then fly the route every Friday and Sunday. British Airways will start the next Thursday, flying non-stop on Thursdays and Saturdays.

At present British Airways flies to Tokyo via Anchorage and will continue to operate that route four times a week with the remaining three flights going over Russia.

Japan Air Lines will be able to make a similar number of flights over Russia, making fierce competition between the three inevitable.

Mr David Coltman, BCal managing director, predicted that demand for the services would be so strong that there would not be a price war.

● Nine airlines have now said they want to buy the next generation of long range Airbus jets, it was revealed yesterday. The number is above that regarded as the minimum needed to launch the A330 and A340 aircraft.

British Aerospace met consortium members in Toulouse yesterday and heard that so far a total of 104 commitments have been entered into.

Car show warning for buyers

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

A two-year-old car sold "as new" but in fact built from two insurance write-offs and parts from a third vehicle, will be the star of an unusual motor show next week.

The Somerset County Council show aims to highlight the pitfalls of buying second-hand cars from less than honest car dealers and repairers.

Owners who have been duped will be going round the county with the exhibition, recounting their costly and unfortunate experiences.

Mr John Fryer, Somerset's trading standards officer, said there had been a spate of offences, though he emphasized efforts to reduce the fraud had been supported by courts imposing heavy fines.

A garage which wound back the odometer of an Austin Metro from 45,000 to 25,000 miles and also falsely claimed membership of the Automobile Association was fined £4,478. Another dealer who welded together two crashed Vauxhall Novas to make one car was fined £2,686.

● Advanced laser technology developed at Imperial College, London, is being used by Fiat to make future car engines cheaper and more reliable.

The technique involves spraying a nickel powder, in a laser beam, at a surface already heated to a high temperature by the laser. This alloys a small area of hard-wearing metal to a softer metal below.

Fiat plans to use the process to eliminate the hardened valve seat inserts needed in modern car cylinder heads to cope with unleaded petrol.

Teacher in fire pranks

A teacher who set fire to classroom desks and a pupil's holdall in a series of bizarre pranks, was remanded in custody for four weeks at Isleworth Crown Court, west London, yesterday.

Stephen Madge, aged 29, of the Barbara Speake Stage School, west London, was convicted of two charges of arson, one of indecently assaulting a boy, aged 11, and two offences of administering a noxious substance with intent to injure, between February 1985 and June last year.

The court was told that he set fire to desks on three occasions and caused £300 damage when he set fire to the holdall. The indecent assault took place after the boy had been accused by Madge of stealing underpants.

In other incidents, Madge, of Pinhow, High Street, St Margarets at Cliffe, near Dover, put broken glass on a cheese roll, sprinkled alum on sausage rolls and drew obscene pictures.

Oxford campaign

Heath tells dons 'stand up'

Universities must stand up and explain their problems to a wider audience to arrest the decline in standards caused by financial cuts, Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, told university staff in Oxford yesterday.

Mr Heath is one of the candidates for the University Chancellorship. Voting continues today and the winner will be announced this afternoon.

He took time off from the hustings to speak to a meeting at the Oxford Playhouse on "Oxford in Decline".

He said Oxford's problems were not unique but the universities collectively had failed to make out their case. Mr Heath said: "Their leaders have not been prepared to stand up in public. You cannot point to a single vice-chancellor or group of vice-chancellors who have said 'This is what is happening and we are not prepared to stand for it'."

Mr Heath said universities had allowed themselves to drift along and be stamped on by government.

Neither Mr Roy Jenkins nor Lord Blake, two other candidates for the Chancellorship, were able to attend the meeting but the outsider, Dr Mark Payne, a Midlands GP, said: "The cure in this case is most certainly an active and energetic campaign to restore funding to Oxford University so that it can retain its position as one of the foremost universities in the world".

Professor Denis Noble, Professor of cardiovascular physiology at Oxford, said: "There is no evidence that the British public supports the government cuts in university funding.

"What do we say to our children when they find that they stand nearly the worst chance in Europe of getting a university education?

"Even Taiwan is sending more graduates into jobs than the United Kingdom."

Mr Alan Jinkinson, the deputy general secretary of Nalgo, the local government union, said Oxford was an excellent example of the problems facing universities generally.

He said: "In real terms it faces a 20 per cent reduction in finance over the next three years. One might have thought that the university must have been doing something wrong, either financial mismanagement or not producing the quantity or quality of students or research. Nothing could be further from the truth."

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Court ruling could give cash boost to disabled

A woman who suffers from unpredictable epilepsy attacks won an important legal victory yesterday, which could cost the Government up to £28 million a year in extra benefit payments.

The Court of Appeal allowed a plea by Mrs Dorothy Moran, of Rockferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, that a doctor who assessed her case and refused to certify her for a higher rate of attendance allowance had made a legal error.

Mrs Moran's claim was sent back for reconsideration by the Attendance Allowance Board, which had delegated the doctor to examine her case. The attendance allowance is a weekly, non-contributory cash benefit payable to severely mentally or physically handicapped people who satisfy certain conditions.

Mrs Moran suffers from epilepsy attacks without warning. She loses consciousness or has an "altered awareness" lasting between 30 minutes and two hours and was said to be at risk of "substantial danger" during each fit.

An application by counsel for Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, for leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused, but he can still apply direct to the Law Lords for leave.

After the ruling, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Moran's MP, said that the Department of Health and Social Security could now face claims of up to £28 million a year from others in a similar situation.

Later, Mr Field said that he believed the case could cost the Government as much as an extra £100 million a year. "I shall be raising the issue in Parliament to see if the Government will make a statement on which groups will be eligible."

Giving judgement, Lord Justice Nicholls, sitting with Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce, said that higher rate payments were made to disabled people who satisfied both a day-time and a night-time condition.

During the day, a claimant had to require, from another person, either frequent attention in connection with bodily functions, or continual supervision "in order to avoid substantial danger to himself or others".

The night condition to be satisfied was that the claimant required either prolonged or repeated attention or continual supervision. The issue in Mrs Moran's appeal was whether she satisfied the night-time "supervision" condition.

The judge said that the doctor in Mrs Moran's case "erred in law" in taking into account the relative infrequency of her night-time attacks.

Mrs Moran was never left alone. At night, her husband's "antennae" were so attuned that, without any conscious call from his wife, he woke at the onset of a fit and was able to see to her as needed.

The judge said that the section of the Act involved in the case was concerned with what a claimant "required", not with what he or she actually received. The infrequency of Mrs Moran's attacks should not have been taken into account.

Mr Ian Glick, counsel for Mr Fowler, seeking leave to appeal, said that the judgement could lead to a large number of claims, not only from epileptics but also from people suffering from other conditions.

Potential claimants included diabetics, mentally retarded, hyperactive and asthmatic children, elderly people suffering from severe attacks of confusion, and in some cases haemophiliacs.

If claims could be made by such groups, it was possible that "very large sums of public money would be involved", he said.

Later, Mr Nicholas Warren, solicitor for the Birkenhead Resource Unit which advised Mrs Moran, said: "This is an important test case for thousands of handicapped people whose epilepsy, or other condition, might lead unpredictably to them injuring themselves, or even to their death".

Knifepoint rapist is jailed for life

An armed rapist who told police his knife was a weapon of peace received six sentences of life imprisonment at Stafford Crown Court yesterday.

Errol Henry, aged 26, a retail manager, told the police he had used the knife to threaten victims so they would not struggle and he need not use violence.

He said it was a weapon of peace and like the nuclear deterrent. He admitted five rapes, an attempted rape, indecent assault, robbery and two charges of theft.

His victims were aged between 15 and 23 and were attacked at night and threatened with a knife, the court was told.

The rapes started in July 1985 and continued until last September after which Henry was recognized by his last victim and arrested.

Henry, of Giggety Lane, Wombourn, Staffordshire, was an intelligent, articulate man who held a good job even while committing the offences, Mr David Jones, for the prosecution, said.

Henry was sentenced to life imprisonment for each of the five rapes and the attempted rape. He received eight years for the indecent assault, five years for robbery, and one year each for the two thefts, all sentences to run concurrently.

Mr Jones said Henry was of good character before he committed the first rape, on a girl aged 15. He threatened her with a knife with a blade of between 2.5in and 3in.

Before raping the girl, Henry told her: "If you scream or make a noise I will make a mess of your face".

The second victim, aged 20, was a virgin returning home from a fish-and-chip shop.

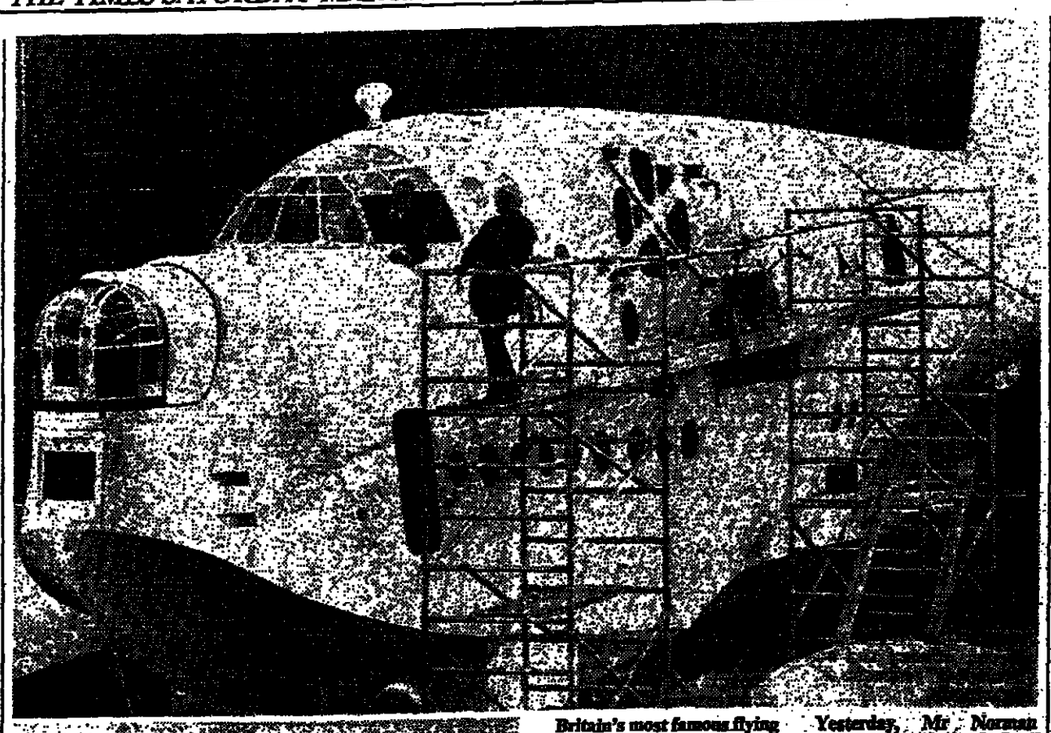
Another girl aged 19 was raped in an alleyway and was made pregnant. She later had an abortion.

Henry told her after the attack: "It is your own fault for walking home at this time of night".

The fourth rape victim was attacked on her birthday.

Mr Richard Gibbs, QC, for Henry, described him as a loner and workaholic who had had normal relationships with women.

Mr Justice Tucker told Henry: "Your behaviour has manifestations of a perverted tendency. You are likely to remain a danger to women for an indefinite time."





Britain's most famous flying boat, the Short Sunderland (left), celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year and, to mark the occasion, the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, near Cambridge, is to complete the next step in restoring its own Sunderland. Yesterday, Mr Norman Harry (above left), who helped to design and build the aircraft, and Mr Geoffrey Sodeaux, conservation officer, looked over the Sunderland, one of only two remaining in Britain. (Contemporary photograph: Nick Rogers)

Man faced by eviction left pups in a ditch

A father who claimed to be a dog lover, left six German Shepherd puppies in a snow-filled ditch in a tiny suitcase, a court was told yesterday.

Jamie Barr, aged 31, was facing eviction from his home because of big rent arrears and he abandoned the puppies near kennels "rather like a woman leaving a baby at a hospital", Mr Stephen Smith, defending, said.

The puppies were within an hour of dying when they were found by two council workmen, 11 hours after being dumped close to dog kennels at Blewbury, Oxfordshire.

Holes had been made in the suitcase with a screwdriver but, because it was plastic, they had closed.

Mr Barr, of Wessex Road, Didcot, admitted abandoning one bitch and five male puppies on January 27 in circumstances likely to cause unnecessary suffering when he appeared before the town's magistrates in a private prosecution by the RSPCA.

The case was adjourned until April 3 for social inquiry reports. Mr Barr was granted bail.

Tass journalist in car chase

The London correspondent of Moscow's Tass news agency was chased by police at 70mph along York Way, in Kentish Town, north-west London, before being "cornered in a dead end street", Highbury magistrates were told yesterday.

Victor Burodine, aged 39, of Dartmouth Park Road, Kentish Town, was fined £150 and banned from driving for 15 months after admitting driving with excess alcohol on February 26.

Villagers may sue Tory MP

Parish councillors in Preston Capes, Northamptonshire, yesterday threatened to sue Mr Norman St John Stevas unless he returns a £150 village bench locked in his garage.

The Conservative MP for Chelmsford removed the seat, which he wants resited, saying it had been put illegally on his land. He has told villagers it "mars the beauty of the grass lawn".

Record set by Post Office

The Post Office smashed records in mail handling last year, the corporation announced yesterday. Inland letters rose by 769 million to bring the total for the year to more than 12 billion.

"This was the biggest annual increase in the Post Office's 350-year history, equivalent to more than 30 extra letters for each of the UK's 23.5 million addresses", a spokesman said.

During the record Christmas period, 1,400 million items were handled, more than 100 million up on the previous Christmas.

A one-day record of 120 million letters and cards was set on December 15.

The Post Office has a new daily average of about 46 million letters.

Sir Ron Dearing, Post Office chairman, said: "A basic second class stamp at 13p is just half a penny more than it was five years ago. For nearly a year we gave a 1p rebate, which saved the customer £40 million."

Bail reforms

Hurd acts to cut remands

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is acting to reduce the surge in remand prisoners which has helped to push the jail population to new records.

"Too many people are remanded in custody, who are not later judged to need a prison sentence", Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told the East Midlands Area Conservative Women yesterday.

He announced a proposed amendment to the Bail Act to ensure that courts have to bear in mind just how long in total the defendant would have been in custody were they to remand him again.

That is intended to put a brake on remands in custody where the need for it is marginal. The courts will also have to have regard to existing criteria: a presumption in favour of bail except where there could be a danger to the public; and where the offender is likely to abscond or re-offend.

The amendment is also intended as safeguard for an experiment in the maximum period courts may remand defendants in custody at any one time.

The Government wants to cut out the waste resulting from successive weekly appearances some prisoners make to no positive result under the present maximum remand period of seven days.

An experiment will be set up in a few areas to ensure that no increase in custody will result. Under the scheme, the first remand will be for a maximum of eight days only.

If the court then considered a further remand in custody inevitable, it would have to decide on the period within which it should be possible to make progress on the case.

It will then be possible to remand the defendant for that period, up to a maximum of 28 days.

In searching for ways to ensure that remands in custody take place only where necessary, Mr Hurd sees an ally in the new Crown Prosecution Service, which has responsibility for recommending to the courts where bail should be granted.

Mr Hurd said he was studying the reason for wide disparities in custody rates in different parts of the country, varying from fewer than 10 per cent of those remanded in some areas to more than 30 per cent in others. There did not appear to be any clear reason for the differences.

Progress was being made with bail information schemes under which the probation service garnered more details about alleged offenders to help magistrates to take informed remand decisions.

The Inner London Probation Service had begun a four-week experiment at Wormwood Scrubs, west London, to find places for those remanded in custody because of a lack of suitable alternative accommodation.

The prison system was having to accommodate nearly 3,000 people more than it was designed to do, Mr Hurd said.

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Sharp increase in lung cancer among women: prevention almost only cure

The worrying increase in lung cancer among women was highlighted in the Commons by Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security.

A recent report had shown that deaths from lung cancer in women were 20 per cent up since 1979, while the trend in lung cancer as a whole had been slightly down.

Most cases of lung cancer were inoperable, she said, and prevention almost the only cure.

Opening the debate, Mr Michael Martin (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab) said that there was serious concern among experts that grant applications for cancer research were being turned down because of lack of resources.

He was moving a motion calling for an effective national screening system, resources to help patients promptly and the development of hospices.

He said that lack of resources not only inhibited research into cancer but also led to some of the brightest young scientists going abroad.

Screening must be available to everyone at risk in the community. There must be proper recall services, easy access to clinics and GPs and proper records must be taken.

Mrs Marion Roe (Broxbourne, C), vice-president of the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, said that early screening was the most important step.

She congratulated the Tesco supermarket chain on its mobile screening unit to provide free cervical and breast examinations for its female employees. It was a useful initiative that others would do well to follow.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L), Alliance spokesman on health, said that the Government's proposal for the screening of women between 50 and 64 was welcome and, it was to be hoped, would save the lives of 2,000 women a year.

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C) said that there seemed overwhelming evidence to link smoking with cancer, not just of the lungs but of many other organs as well. Smokers had a 5 to 10 per cent greater chance of developing cancer of the mouth and throat than the non-smoker.

"If we did not know about tobacco and it was suddenly introduced today, it would never for one moment be allowed on the market."

Mrs Renée Short (Wolverhampton North East, Lab) said that a conference of the Royal College of Radiologists had said that some cancer-screening centres made so many false diagnoses that harm was caused. Women would not take up screening if tests were inaccurate.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said that one of the problems of the call-back service was that it had to rely on people being on the register of a GP, but in his constituency 30 per cent were not. It was a particular problem where young people were concerned because they moved around so quickly.

In the hospice movement, established by voluntary effort, some hospices had a proportion of beds empty because the necessary voluntary funding was not available.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said that because cancer was difficult to cure, it was necessary to try and prevent it. People should forget the cancer is still a word which strikes fear into the hearts of those who are told they are suffering from it. In the minds of most people, cancer is synonymous with death.



Mr Kenneth Hargreaves (Hyndburn, C), who expressed his gratitude to the dedicated doctors, nurses and staff of the Accrington Victoria Hospital and Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

"I must say I was not worried about dying. That, I suspect, was not the attitude of Conservative Central Office — had I died defending a majority of 21.

"If I was not afraid of dying, I was, because I am a coward, very afraid of the possible pain that might accompany my death."

A local hospice had been built with the help of funds raised by the community. "Just to know it is there is, I can assure you, a great comfort."

Where the people of an area had shown some initiative and had been prepared to help themselves, there was a case for the NHS to offer its support.

"It would be remiss of me now I am fully restored to health not to pay tribute to the support I received, during what was a very difficult time, from colleagues of all parts of the House, from constituents, friends and relations.

"Everyone was kind. Everyone was helpful. But I think I could have managed without the headline in my local evening paper the day before my operation which said 'Tories in By-election Drama'. I am glad I was able to disappoint them."

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of State for Health, said that the Government was committed to the principle of screening. Cervical screening was available to all women and breast screening was being piloted in a number of areas.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said that a substantial effort to stop smoking would be the most effective action on cancer prevention, but that the effort had been trivial. "We are just playing with the matter until we actually do something about the advertising and promotion of cigarettes, and I mean something nasty because smoking kills 100,000 people each year, though not all of these die of cancer.

"It follows as night follows day that the cigarette industry needs to recruit another 100,000 smokers to make up for the ones it has killed and it sets about it in a skilful way."

The industry knew, for instance, that few people took up smoking for the first time after age 20, so most advertising and promotional activity was directed at the young. "The industry is particularly successful in drumming up people to buy its deathly product."

There was a sort of class bias. The relatively well off and well informed had tended to give it up while people less so had tended not to.

The best way to get the message across was Labour's policy to prohibit all forms of advertising and promotion of tobacco products. Only that would bring about the substantial reduction in the capacity of the cigarette industry to recruit more people to kill.

Last November the Government claimed that this time last year 33 health authorities out of 191 had call and recall schemes for cervical cancer and that of the 158 that had not implemented schemes 76 planned to do so by the end of this month.

But he had checked on the 76, and of 56 that it had been possible to contact 42 had not yet got schemes.

The Government's response to the report of the committee on gynaecological cytology advice had been slipshod to say the least. "This is a disgrace and we know that women will die as a result."

Though the Government had issued instructions to health authorities it had never given them earmarked funds for cervical cancer screening.

It was crucial to make sure that all women were covered by screening. The private sector did not appear to have the necessary capacity to follow up some of the work it had done.

"I am fearful we will get a number of women going to the private sector and being lost to the system altogether. We need a proper, comprehensive screening system and not a lot of bits and pieces."

Mrs Edwina Currie said that if people would talk and say they had suffered from cancer, had got rid of it and were now fit and well, that would be the best way of encouraging people to come forward for screening and treatment.

Cancer treatment in the NHS made considerable demands, which were increasing due to the development of expensive diagnostic and treatment techniques.

Cancer affected more than a million people in the community at any one time. It was responsible for 23 per cent of all deaths in the United Kingdom.

Though there had been improvements in the survival rates of certain cancers, the rates overall had changed little.

"It is extremely worrying when visiting universities to have someone going on at us about cervical screening while smoking a cigarette."

A recent survey showed that the survival rate of lung cancer victims was very poor, the majority of cases were inoperable and the survival rate after an operation was not high.

For that type of cancer, more than for any other, prevention was almost the only cure.

The report also showed that the combination of alcohol and smoking increased the risk of cancer, not because alcohol in itself was causative, but because an interaction between agents in drink and cigarettes multiplied the carcinogenic effect.

The statement by the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health on passive smoking had been received today and said in effect that perhaps 200 or 300 extra cases of lung cancer a year were caused by breathing in other people's cigarette smoke. The final report was expected at the end of the year and the Government would then consider what action may or may not be needed.

She said that she and Mr Dobson were clearly getting different answers about the authorities that had set up call and recall schemes for cervical cancer. He was too critical.

propaganda that cigarette smoking had not been proved as the cause of lung cancer.

Bills passed

The Deer Bill, which makes it lawful for farmed deer to be killed during a close season, passed remaining Commons stages.

The Animals (Scotland) Bill, which changes the Scottish civil liability law on injury or damage caused by animals, passed all stages and awaits Royal Assent.

Stamp duty dodge 'risky for buyers'

House buyers who try to reduce stamp duty by overvaluing fixtures and fittings may find themselves on the wrong side of the law if they later have to sue for breach of the sale contract, the Court of Appeal said in London yesterday.

Lord Justice Kerr, sitting with Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Bingham, said although it was "probably a common practice" to misstate the relative value of property to fixtures and fittings in house deals in order to pay the lower rates of stamp duty, it was not a practice that could be condoned by the courts.

And any solicitor knowingly involved in such a deal would be guilty of professional misconduct, he said.

The Appeal judges were dealing with a case in which a young couple, Mr Philip Saunders and Miss Joan Elliott, were awarded £7,000 damages against Mr Royston Edwards because of his "fraudulent misrepresentation" that a flat he sold to them in Redcliffe Street, West Brompton, south-west London, included an attractive roof garden.

Mr Edwards had sought to claim on appeal that no damages should be awarded because, when the couple bought the flat in 1983, £5,000 of the £45,000 purchase price had wrongly been apportioned to "fixtures and fittings" in a deliberate attempt to cheat the taxman of £300 stamp duty.

The appeal judge added a "cautionary footnote". He said that although the deliberate understatement of the value of the flat had not affected the outcome in this case, it should not be assumed that this will always be so.

And he warned that purchasers who tried to save themselves only a small amount of money in stamp duty might find that the courts would refuse to help to enforce a contract.

GP fails to remember sick baby

A doctor alleged to have failed to diagnose a baby suffering from meningitis, told the High Court yesterday that he could not remember seeing the child or its mother.

Mrs Erhonda Barker, aged 30, of Buchan House, Hanbury Road, Acton, west London, is claiming damages on behalf of her son Marlon, now aged 11 but with a mental age of two-and-a-half.

Dr Patrick Joseph Nugent, of St Leonards Road, West Ealing, who denies negligence, told Mr Justice Rougier that he could not recall seeing Mrs Barker and her newborn son, on two occasions in December 1975, just before the baby was admitted to hospital with the disease. It left him severely mentally handicapped.

"Although I have no recollection of seeing Mrs Barker, it's only fair to say that if she says she saw me than it's very likely she did", he said.

The group practice of six doctors, of which he was a member, cared for 19,000 patients. His working hours were from 7am to 7pm and he usually got home at eight or nine at night.

Dr Nugent said that if a baby had come to him with a bulging head, as Mrs Barker claimed Marlon had, he would have recognized it, treated it as a sign of the "gravest possible urgency" and sent the baby to hospital immediately.

"If a child falls in the street, and bangs its head you examine it. Then, if that child goes wrong on you, you are on a hiding to nothing. But we do this every day of the week, we have to do it. I don't think its our job to play safe and send everyone off to hospital. That would be abdicating our responsibility", he said.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Work starts on £500m new town near Bristol

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Work began yesterday on a new town for 25,000 people near Bristol in what is the largest privately-funded development in Europe.

The town has been named Bradley Stoke and is on the M4 corridor near its junction with the M5. It is being developed by a consortium of 15 builders at a cost of about £500 million.

Bradley Stoke will stand on 1,000 acres and consist of 8,500 homes, a shopping and district centre, six primary schools, a secondary school, parkland and leisure areas, a 200-bedroom hotel and conference centre and a 100-acre employment park which will include offices, distribution centres and industrial development.

The first main task is to provide an infrastructure of roads, sewerage, gas and electricity, a job being done by Cementation Construction, a subsidiary of the Trafalgar House group.

Another subsidiary, Ideal Homes Western, starts work next month on two of the first housing developments in the town.

The project is expected to take 15 years and to provide 2,000 jobs annually in housing construction. More long term jobs will be created through the employment park.

Fans accused over ferry riot

Eleven West Ham and Manchester United supporters are expected to appear before Harwich magistrates on March 31 after a riot last August on a Dutch ferry, Koningin Beatrix.

The fans, accused of causing an affray, theft and criminal damage, were traced by British Transport Police in a nationwide investigation after fighting forced the ferry to return to port at Harwich.

Gelignite ship safety attempt

An attempt to put out the fire on the Danish coaster carrying 400 tons of gelignite and anchored off the coast of Cornwall will be made today if temperatures aboard are low enough.

Tanks of nitrogen, which will be injected into the hull of the ship, the Hornestrand, were loaded on to a Dutch salvage tug yesterday.

Cathedral desecrated

Prayer books were set alight, an icon and ornaments broken, and a statuette of Christ decapitated in a chapel of Coventry Cathedral. Youths were seen running away.

They broke into the Chapel of the Cross, between the ruins and the new part of the cathedral, through a window on Thursday night. The Provost, Canon Colin Semper, said yesterday: "It was sick vandalism".

Castle is given to museum

An earthenwork castle which gave the Forest of Dean its name has been given to the Dean Heritage museum.

The Norman Castle of Dene, above Newnham by the River Severn in Gloucestershire, belonged to Dr Cyril Hart, senior verderer of the royal forest.

Underground answer for the green cross toads

Millions of toads die each year leaving an estimated 20 tons of corpses on Britain's roads as they strive to reach breeding ponds.

But now conservationists hope that the country's first toad tunnel near Henley, Oxfordshire, will solve the problem.

Yesterday Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, cut the tape on the tunnel.

It was built after four years' research by the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society and a polymer concrete firm based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Lord Skelmersdale, clutching a six-year-old female common toad in his hand as he declared the tunnel open, said: "I congratulate the society for getting this project off the ground, if not under the ground.

"The toad is an inoffensive and often misunderstood creature. I must say this is the first time I've ever held one in my hand, and my sympathy goes to the toad.

"Projects such as this serve to remind us that man is not alone on this earth. We share it with a rich variety of animals and plant life.

"This is a splendid example of what can be achieved when conservationists and industrialists get together."

The tunnel was built by ACO Polymer.

The toads are guided to the tunnel by half a mile of plastic fencing and an estimated 10,000 then travel under the busy A4155 Henley to Marlow road from their woodland winter home to a breeding pond on Lord Hambleden's estate beside the Thames.

Mr Tom Langton, staff herpetologist for the preservation society, said: "They travel up to five miles to reach their spawning ponds, and roads like this are graveyards".

He added: "Soon, for about three evenings, we expect up to 200 toads an hour to use this tunnel. We are confident it will work and this should be the first of several dozen similar sites in Britain.

"The cost of it works out at about a penny per toad."

After the opening ceremony Lord Skelmersdale went for lunch at the nearby Henley College of Management where, top of the menu, was toad in the hole.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Chernobyl trials to start in Kiev

Moscow – The people accused of causing the world's worst nuclear accident, at the Chernobyl power station last April, in which 31 people died, are soon to be brought to trial in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, the city hardest hit by the disaster (Christopher Walker writes).

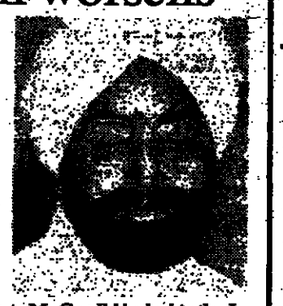
Mr Andronik Petrosyants, head of the state committee for the use of atomic energy, gave no indication of the charges, or of the maximum penalties they carry. He neither named those to stand trial nor said how many were accused.

Soviet investigators have repeatedly blamed human error for the accident, which sent a radioactive cloud over much of Europe and beyond.

● Captains accused: Yesterday's announcement came soon after the opening in Odessa of the trial of the captains of the two Soviet vessels which collided in the Black Sea in August causing nearly 400 deaths. Both men face a maximum sentence of 15 years.

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Delhi clash worsens



Delhi (Reuter) – The bad blood between the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and President Zail Singh (right) emerged into the open yesterday as the 71-year-old President accused Mr Gandhi of unconstitutional and "distressing" behaviour towards his office.

The President, a Sikh whose poor relations with the 42-year-old Prime Minister have been an open secret for months, made the accusations in a private letter to Mr Gandhi leaked to the *Indian Express* newspaper and published on its front page.

President Singh's letter came amid criticism of Mr Gandhi's economic policies and failure to push through key political programmes. It said Mr Gandhi had misinformed Parliament about his relations with the President, whom he had failed to keep informed or to consult regularly.

Banker's denial

Johannesburg – A leading South African banker told a commission of inquiry here yesterday that he had no knowledge that a 120,000 rands (£37,000) overdraft facility he had granted to a client would be used to finance newspaper advertisements supporting the outlawed African National Congress (Michael Hornsby writes).

Mr Chris Ball, managing director of Barclays National Bank, who has received threats to his life, said he had no hesitation in granting the overdraft to the client, Mr Yusuf Surtee, because he was "an important and valued customer of the bank".

Dilemma for Spain

Madrid – The Pope's decision to go ahead with the beatification of the first of a series of Spanish Civil War martyrs has put Spain's Socialist Government in a quandary (Harry Debelius writes).

Beatification is the first step towards sainthood. A long list of Roman Catholics killed in the Spanish Civil War by anti-clerical elements is awaiting approval for beatification.

A ceremony at which five Spaniards are to be beatified is scheduled for March 29 at the Vatican, and the Spanish Government has yet to designate its official representative at the ceremony.

Greek visit dropped

Washington – Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, begins a six-day trip to Spain and Turkey tomorrow, having dropped plans to visit Greece amid mounting tensions between Washington and Athens. US officials said he would go to Greece at a more "propitious" time (Christopher Thomas writes).

Greek-American relations have taken a turn for the worse over what Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, sees as Washington's favoured treatment of Turkey.

The Greek Government protested to the US this week about statements from Washington on Turkey, and Greek officials have criticized Mr Weinberger for depicting Turkish troops in northern Cyprus as playing a defensive role.

Tensions have been heightened by moves within the Reagan Administration to change the present ratio in military aid to Greece and Turkey, which is 10-7 in Turkey's favour. Relatively however, the ratio favours Greece because of its smaller size.

Early poll for island

Copenhagen – Greenland yesterday decided to call an early election, after the ruling left-wing Home Rule coalition government collapsed (Christopher Follett writes).

This followed a political dispute over the modernization of the Nato early warning radar system on the American military base at Thule.

Elections will be held on May 26. The poll, in which 35,000 will be able to vote, will be the third since Greenland gained independence from Denmark in 1979.

Chilean challenge

Santiago – A group of prominent Chileans yesterday launched a national campaign for free, democratic elections, in what most political observers see as a fresh attempt to form a strong alternative to the military Government (Lake Sagaris writes).

The campaign was announced in a statement from Señorita Silvia Alessandri, niece of the former President Jorge Alessandri. The group appeared to be a successor to that formed by the signatories of the 1985 National Accord.

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Mozambique's shadowy rebels without a cause

From Paul Valelly
Maputo

Behind almost all the problems which have led the United Nations to classify the current situation in Mozambique as a major emergency lurks the shadowy presence of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR).

Since it was formed in 1974, about a million peasant farmers have been made homeless. Vast tracts of the country's most fertile land have been laid waste. Roads and railways have been sabotaged, causing a food transport crisis which threatens some two million more with hunger, if not actual starvation.

More than 1,000 health posts and schools have been destroyed and hundreds of their staff murdered, maimed or mutilated. Important economic installations have been shut down; key factories, cotton gins and oil refineries have been blown up. The country's exports have been reduced from $260 million (£163.5 million) in 1980 to a mere $80 million (£50.3 million) last year.

Yet for all the efficacy of its guerrilla campaign, the MNR – which is also known by its Portuguese acronym, Renamo – remains a mysterious body with a profile so low that very few people, here or abroad, can claim to know what its real aims are.

It has no political platform and seems to make no attempt to offer itself as a credible alternative government. Indeed, its policies of wanton destruction and physical mutilation seem calculated to alienate, rather than win, the hearts and minds of the ordinary people.

The MNR was founded in 1974 by Mr Ken Flowers, then head of the Rhodesian Central Intelligence Organization, as a method of weakening the black state, which was about to gain its independence from Portugal and was supporting Mr Robert Mugabe's guerrillas against the regime of Mr Ian Smith.

Its recruits were largely the crack black troops of the Portuguese Army and former guerrillas of the Frelimo movement who fought for independence from the Portuguese and were subsequently disillusioned when the new Marxist Government stopped them from becoming rich on war loot.

After black majority rule in Rhodesia, the role of sponsoring the MNR was taken over by South Africa. In 1980 it airlifted the rebels out of the country for training and "political education".

At this point the MNR became dramatically more successful and began to move freely through the southern provinces of Mozambique. Towards the end of 1982 South Africa set up MNR bases in neighbouring Malawi.

The tactics of the MNR under its two paymasters differed. Under the Rhodesians it tried to cultivate local good will by distributing food and clothes. But after South Africa took over the policy changed to indiscriminate destruction, often accompanied by physical atrocities. The tactic now was not to create "liberated zones" but merely to maintain the Frelimo Government in a state of perpetual weakness.

It is a tactic which is unchanged, though in the past 12 months reports of atrocities have become less common.

But the MNR does not seem to be building any Renamo administration within the areas it claims to control. Its tactics, Western observers here feel, are still those of a group fighting a proxy war for South Africa.

Pretoria has denied giving any help to the rebels since the "good neighbourliness" agreement it signed with Mozambique in 1984.

But when Zimbabwean and Frelimo troops took the MNR citadel in the Gorongoza mountains in August 1985, irrefutable evidence of continuing South African support was uncovered, and US intelligence sources report that South African support continues for the rebels, estimated between 5,000 and 10,000.

There are also reports of finance from Saudi Arabia, Oman and the Comoros, and training by the Israelis. One highly placed financial source in Nairobi even told me that the MNR has been directly financed from the personal fortune of President Banda of Malawi, an ally of South Africa.

Recently the MNR has acquired a representative in Washington, in the offices of the extreme right-wing Heritage Foundation, and sympathetic American journalists have been taken into rebel-held areas to interview its leader, Mr Alfonso Dhlakama.

Yet despite the platform provided by his sophisticated advisers, Mr Dhlakama has been unable to come up with a more coherent programme.

One Western diplomat said: "All he says is he wants free elections and all Zimbabwean troops out of Mozambique. It's a pretty absurd alternative to Frelimo."

Soft-hearted Reagan will defend his top lieutenants

Yoked in ill-assorted tandem, the two cart horses of the Reagan Administration, Mr George Shultz and Mr Caspar Weinberger, have often seemed to spend more time and energy backing and stalling to stop the other veering off to the left or right than they have in pulling the Administration forward.

Yet the two powerful Secretaries of State and Defence are united on one thing: they regard the Tower report's criticism of pusillanimous passivity in the Iran affair as an unjustified slur and are demanding a repudiation from President Reagan.

Mr Weinberger even lobbied to get his name cleared in Mr Reagan's crucial nationwide address. Not surprisingly, the President believed a penitent endorsement of all the findings was a better response than quibbling about details.

But Mr Reagan, notoriously soft-hearted, agreed to speak up for them later. And so today he will publicly express in his radio address his full confidence in his two principal lieutenants.

Such an unusual step, carefully publicized in advance, looks like capitulation to the wounded egos of the two men who got off more lightly than most in the Iran mess. But in Washington, this city of rumours, it is important. For both men have been roundly criticized in recent months, and a growing number of detractors have said it is high time Mr Reagan got rid of both of them.

Mr Shultz, rotund, short-tempered, stolid and dull, provokes extraordinary antipathy from nervous conservatives. The calls last week by Representative Jack Kemp and other standard-bearers of the right for his resignation reflect the long-simmering anger over Mr Shultz's low-key pragmatism, his willingness to pursue arms control agreements, and his refusal to allow the ideologists free rein in the State Department.

Mr Shultz has been seen as the roadblock to the President's Strategic Defence Initiative, and is suspected of skilful manoeuvring to allow the Allies and congressional critics to voice the doubts he is thought to harbour. He is accused of flirting with terrorists by meeting Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC leader. More generally, he is upbraided for not advancing US interests more aggressively.

The charges are the shriller because they are so hard to prove. Mr Shultz has never made himself vulnerable. A skilful bureaucratic team-player, he operates behind the scenes, using patience, persuasion and understatement to get his way.

He does not rant or boast like his predecessor, Al Haig. He uses his stiflingly boring public utterances and bland façade to hide his own agenda. He expresses obsequious loyalty to Mr Reagan at carefully chosen moments of crisis – after the Reykjavik débâcle, for example – and takes a firm public stand on terrorism.

But all this has only angered his critics the more. The fact that he was right over Iran and distanced himself from the policy is seized on as betrayal, and many in the White House, including the formidable Mrs Reagan, still hold it against him. And the low-key approach has not won him friends among liberals either. Many say, unkindly, that his vacuous façade hides only a vacuous mind.

Mr Weinberger, in striking contrast, is anything but vacuous. Proud, assertive, outspoken, he is is the antithesis and nemesis of Mr Shultz. His enemies are on the left, among those who see him as an unredeemed cold warrior, an ideologue whose aggressive pursuit of military superiority and scepticism about arms control can only lead to confrontation with Moscow and disastrous fissures in the Western Alliance.

His unyielding insistence on continued Pentagon budget increases and dire warnings of

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

cutbacks have annoyed Congress, which now accuses him of crying wolf. As the main pilot of SDI, he has drawn all the flak of those who want to shoot down the programme before it takes off.

The critics of Mr Weinberger are as outspoken as those of Mr Shultz. Some may be appeased by the resignation of Richard Perle, his brilliant, self-assured, hardline Assistant Secretary, whom many see as Mr Weinberger's intellectual guru, the man who has "run" him for the past six years.

Mr Perle's charm and persuasiveness have kept at bay the critics who feared the "Prince of Darkness". But Mr Weinberger has never built up an image of easy affability, or cultivated the political intelligensia with the same skilful insider's tact.

With Mr Perle gone, the liberals, sensing a shift in the balance of power and atmosphere, will now have only one target. The denunciations of the Pentagon and its long-time boss are sure to grow.

And so, ironically, both men feel under attack, both are smarting at being linked to the one great scandal with which they had little to do, and both need public reassurance that their positions are secure.

Neither intends to resign, and neither can now be sacrificed: Mr Shultz's departure would cause anguish among the allies, Mr Weinberger's among the conservatives. The rivalry between them has been temporarily eclipsed, though the feud between the Pentagon and the State Department now seems almost institutional.

President Reagan seems comfortable with both. It is up to his new team – Mr Howard Baker at the White House and Mr Frank Carlucci at the National Security Council – to ensure that these two strong, experienced Secretaries pull together instead of pulling the Administration apart.

Segovia honoured



The legendary Spanish classical guitarist, Andrés Segovia, left, with the president of the Manhattan School of Music, Mr Gideon Waldrop, after Señor Segovia, aged 94, was awarded a doctorate in musical arts by the school, where he is to give three master classes.

Chaos as Spanish farmers protest

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Farmers parked more than 5,000 tractors on main roads and some railway lines across much of northern Spain yesterday, blocking traffic in protest against the Government's agricultural policies.

In the north-eastern region of Catalonia, parked tractors cut routes between Spain and France, with the aim of keeping out fruit and vegetable shipments from other EEC countries. In the north-central region of Rioja, famous for its wines and vegetables, demonstrators set fire to a car. In Zamora, in western Spain, hundreds of farmers took to the roads.

In Asturias, Spain's main coal-mining region, miners' strikes in protest at threatened job losses were widespread, despite a call from trade unions for workers to return to their jobs.

In a general climate of unrest, fuelled by rising unemployment and government efforts to impose a 5 per cent ceiling on wage increases this year, strikes and demonstrations affected many sectors of the economy.

However, none of the current wave of disturbances has been more violent than the clashes in the northern town of Reinosa on Thursday between steelworkers and police.

There, police had to rescue a regional government official who was held hostage by workers for 20 hours. Eight people were in a serious condition yesterday afternoon from injuries they sustained in the fighting.

North could be charged with obstructing justice



Washington – Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide (right), may face charges of obstructing the course of justice. Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor investigating the Iran arms scandal, is reported to have said he has sufficient evidence to call for his indictment (Christopher Thomas writes). On Thursday a federal judge dismissed two lawsuits Colonel North had brought in an effort to halt the investigations. Mr Walsh is also investigating Rear Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser.

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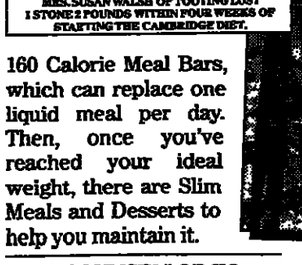
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The MI5 spy book case: ● No conspiracy ● History of inconsistency ● More disclosures urged

Boys' Own manuscript that revealed no secrets

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Mr Justice Philip Powell's judgement in the MI5 book case makes it plain that he believed the British Government forfeited its claim to suppress Mr Peter Wright's memoirs by allowing publication of previous books on the secret intelligence world.

In a key phrase, Mr Justice Powell said he accepted the government claim that Mr Wright was still bound to an obligation of confidentiality. But most of the information in the Wright manuscript, *which* was written "in *Boys' Own* or *Biggles style*", *was no longer* secret, the judge said. The *other information* Mr Wright had to impart could not cause *harm*.

The judge cited a history of inconsistency and inactivity towards secret disclosures which he said ran counter to a publicly-expressed "practice and policy of successive Governments".

Government inaction over *one book in particular excited* his astonishment: *Their Trade is Treachery*, by Mr Chapman Pincher, in which the spectre central to Mr Wright's thesis was first raised: that British intelligence remains crippled by Soviet penetration.

Given the testimony of Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, about the Government's *attitude to* secret information, the judge said *he found its failure* to take any steps to stop *Their Trade is Treachary*, or even to question those it suspected had been Mr Pincher's sources, "an omission I can only describe as incredible".

But the judge said that he did not accept the theory of a government conspiracy involving Mr Pincher, which had been advanced by Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel *for Mr Wright*.

Whitehall's inaction also extended to two other books on the intelligence services and two television programmes which also disclosed *highly confidential information*. A fourth book, *A Matter of Trust*, by Nigel West, *had* been approved by the Government *in a negotiated form*.

What this amounted to, the *judge said*, was "*acquiescence* in the publication, or televising, and *thus a surrender* of any claim to the confidentiality of that *information*."

He could accept that some of the information in the Wright manuscript might cause the Government embarrassment, he said.

But, when he observed all the published information attributed to "inside" sources which had already been made available in four books and two television programmes, "the Government's claim now that *republication of such* information by an insider *would cause* detriment to it, sounds decidedly hollow".

He added: "Over the last five years former officers, *including* one former Director General (of MI5), Sir Dick Goldsmith White, had felt free to disclose confidential information ... and have done so without any action being taken against them.

"It must have been apparent ... that as a result of the acquiescence or inaction of the British Government, the service has for years leaked like a sieve."

Mr Wright's manuscript dealt, the judge said, with four main subjects:

● The "mole hunts", or investigations of Soviet penetration which took place between *1960* and *1971*, during which he became convinced that Sir *Roger Hollis*, former head of MI5, had been a Soviet double agent.

● Mr Wright's service as *personal consultant to* Sir Michael Hanley when he was *Director-General of MI5*.

● Operations in which Mr Wright had been involved, including "breaking and entering" and "burglaries".

● Technology, such as electronic surveillance.

All the information in the manuscript was at least 10 years old. Specific cases, such as the "mole hunts" or "the plot to destabilize the Wilson Government", had been dealt with in greater detail by some other books.

As far as the submissions made by the Government were concerned, the judge said his first task had been to determine what the true relationship was between Mr Wright and the Crown.

He had concluded that the relationship was not one of contract, but that did not mean that Mr Wright did not have an obligation of confidentiality.

An obligation had existed, Mr Justice Powell said, and "there can, I think, be little doubt that the *obligation* continued, and will continue *to be binding upon Mr Wright* during such time as any information (which he discovered during his service) retained its confidential quality".

But the information in the manuscript was no longer bound by that confidentiality, and for that reason alone the application failed.

The judge added that "as it is probable that the British *Government will wish to* appeal against the judgment", he thought it desirable to deal with some of the more important of the other issues raised in the hearing.

On the defence claim that alleged iniquitous conduct by MI5 ought to be brought to light, the judge said: "Since the failure of a Government to ensure that its own officers observe the law seems to strike *at the very root of a democratic society* ... it seems to *me that if the Executive*, having been informed of breaches of international law by its servants, were to take no action ... there is much to be said for the view that ... disclosure to the public ... ought to be permitted."

He also thought it would be *in the public interest* of Australia that improprieties by *MI5, such as the illegal* operations described by Mr Wright and others, should be exposed, as the Australian intelligence services exchanged information with Britain.

In addition, there was much to be said for the view that the public interest — whether of Australia or of the United Kingdom — *called for further* disclosure and investigation of *the allegations against* Sir Roger Hollis, who was involved in setting up the Australian Security Intelligence Organization.



Sir John Leahy, left, the British High Commissioner in Australia, and Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Peter Wright, in Sydney yesterday after the MI5 book case ruling.

The opposing arguments

The Government's main submissions:

● **Mr Wright was bound by a contract with the Government.**

● **Even if no contract was found to exist, he had an equitable obligation of confidence to the Crown which bound him to permanent silence about his intelligence work.**

● **Publication by an "insider" like Mr Wright of information already published by an "outsider" caused detriment which was different in nature and quality.**

● ***In seeking an injunction against Mr Wright's memoirs it was* not necessary to demonstrate that detriment to the Government would flow from publication.**

● **Acquiescence or failure to act to stop another publication did not constitute authorization.**

The Defence's main submissions:

● **Mr Wright never entered into a contract with the Government. If information to which he was privy became public knowledge, any obligation of confidence ceased to exist.**

● **By not seeking to restrain other publications, the Government had abandoned any claim to confidentiality.**

● **The Government had to show it would suffer some detriment from Mr Wright's book.**

● **The material in Mr Wright's book was so out-of-date that it could not conceivably prejudice national security.**

● ***The question of whether Sir Roger Hollis was a Soviet spy* was of abiding public interest.**

● **It was in the Australian public interest to know what excesses had been committed by a friendly intelligence service.**

Call for further details on Hollis

From Our Correspondent
Sydney

The debate about Sir Roger Hollis is renewed by Mr Justice Powell in his judgement, in which he makes an indirect call for further disclosures to resolve "this matter of absorbing public interest".

The judge reviews the history of how suspicion came to fall on the man who was Director-General of MI5 between 1956 and 1965, and concludes with a reminder that, even if only for the purposes of this hearing, the Government made an admission that the allegation that Sir Roger was a Soviet double agent was true.

The judgement refers to conflicting versions of what was concluded by the 1974 review by *Lord Trend* of earlier "mole-hunting" investigations within MI5.

Mr Chapman Pincher, the journalist, maintained that the Trend report named Sir Roger as being the most likely suspect for the highly-placed mole believed to have been a fellow-traitor and contemporary of Anthony Blunt, Kim Philby, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean.

Mrs Thatcher disputed this in a statement to the Commons *in 1981, saying the allegation* against Sir Roger had been the subject of "long and thorough investigation".

For his part, the judge notes, Mr Wright, who had always believed in Sir Roger's guilt, claimed that the Prime Minister's statement was "substantially false".

Those in MI5 who had prepared her brief knew it to be false, Mr Wright said.

Changing stance of Government

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

The judge is highly critical of the way the British Government conducted its case, although he is perhaps more temperate than might have been anticipated, given his trenchant remarks during the hearing.

He also expresses "considerable reserve" about the credibility of Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary and *Whitehall's main witness*.

The judge reviewed the *history of the action, launched* by the Government in September 1985, when it first obtained injunctions and then undertakings which prevented publication of the book.

Throughout proceedings last year, both at the preliminary stages and at the subsequent main hearing, the Government changed its position in a way which indicated "an apparent unwillingness to abide by the decision of the court ... and an apparent wish to perpetually change its ground in search of some *tactical advantage which only* it could perceive".

He adds: "Lest it be thought that this comment is overly critical of the British Government, I would say that its apparent unwillingness to abide by the judgement of the court ... (did) not reflect the type of attitude or the approach to the conduct of proceedings, which one is accustomed to meet, and indeed has come to expect, from governments and government authorities which have been litigants in this court."

The judge says that one late change in pleadings, made in the middle of the hearing last December, represented the sort of attempt "to reopen questions *which had already* been concluded against (the *Government)" in a manner* which he has "resignedly *come to expect*".

On another occasion he suspected the Government of "a particularly tricky piece of pleading", which was "yet another example of the unexpected, and, in my view, unfortunate stance which the British Government has taken throughout these proceedings".

The judge referred in passing to Mr Turnbull's savage and sustained attack on the Cabinet Secretary's credibility as "an ambassador for Britain in the sense that an ambassador *is a man sent abroad* to lie for his country".

The judge said he was "unable to accept Mr Turnbull's submission that Sir Robert Armstrong deliberately set out to mislead the court", but had concluded that "much of his evidence on matters of importance must be treated with considerable reserve".

'Fanciful' to detect plot behind Pincher book

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

The circumstances leading to publication of Chapman Pincher's book, *Their Trade Is Treachery*, were said by the judge to have been "decidedly curious".

But he dismissed the submission by Mr Malcolm Turnbull that the book was the result of a government conspiracy.

The rationale for the conspiracy claim was that *Whitehall*, fearing the consequences of uncontrolled disclosure of the fact that Sir Roger Hollis had been investigated, arranged for the information to be leaked to Mr Pincher, who was described as a "safely conservative journalist".

Mr Wright was introduced to Mr Pincher by Lord Rothschild, former head of the Conservative "think tank", and became an important source for the book, the judge said.

By mid-December 1980, Mr Pincher had produced a synopsis which, the judge said, "one assumes was prepared for his publisher".

At the same time, however, and contrary to evidence given by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, MI5 and *MI6* had obtained a copy of the synopsis.

The services also obtained page proofs of the book before *its publication, and* the probability was that they had *identified three sources* for Mr Pincher's information: Mr Wright, Mr Arthur Martin and Mr Stephen de Mowbray.

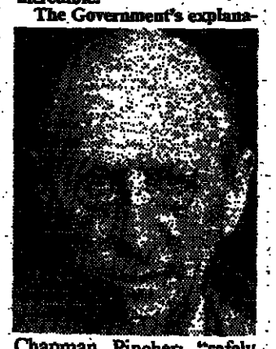
"Despite this, it would seem that neither Mr Pincher nor any of his suspected sources was approached ... an omission which, given the view *which had been formed* that it was preferable that the book *not be published ... I can but* describe as incredible."

The judge added: "The failure of the British Government to take any steps to obtain an injunction ... is even more incredible."

The Government's explanation that it was advised it had no basis to restrain publication was one which "unless more fully explained, I find myself unable to accept".

The judge also said: "It seems fanciful to talk of a conspiracy, if only because one would have thought that the publishers of *Their Trade Is Treachery* would necessarily have been a part."

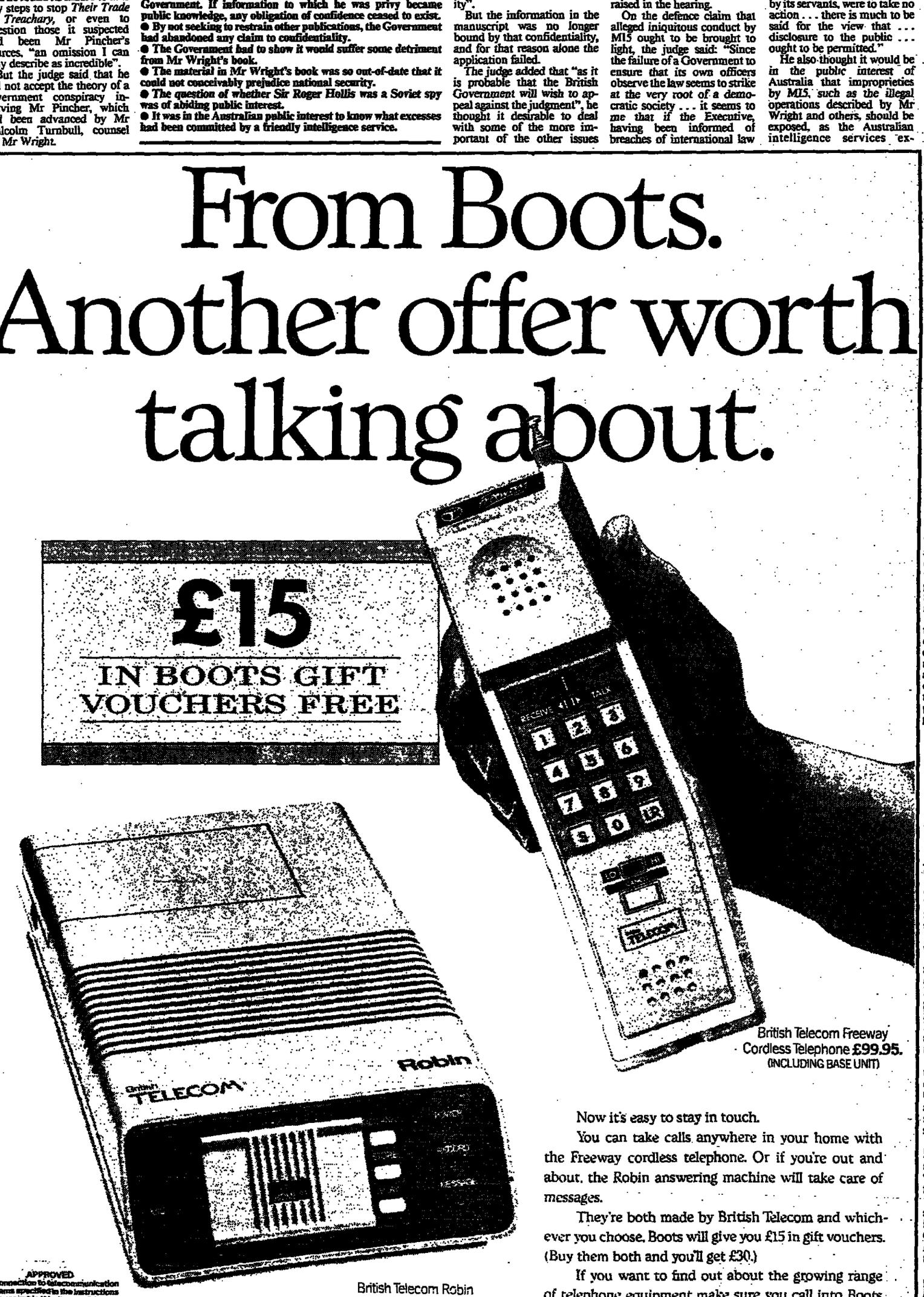
Furthermore, Mr Pincher *himself* seemed to deny the existence of any such conspiracy and to have taken some delight in exposing the fact *that Sir Robert had attempted* to perpetrate a deception on the publisher.



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Syrian troops accused of massacring 200 in northern Lebanon

By Caroline Moorehead

More than 200 people, most of them Sunni Muslims, were killed over a period of 36 hours on December 20 by Syrian troops in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, according to reliable information that has reached Amnesty International.

The human rights organization is calling on the Syrian Government to investigate the massacre, which took place after 15 Syrian troops were killed by elements of one militia group.

Shortly after the attack, Syrian forces sealed off the Sunni district to the west of the city. Some local inhabitants died in clashes with the soldiers. But many of those who died were in fact unarmed women and children, as Syrian troops and commandos used machine-guns, grenades and tanks.

During a sweep through local houses, civilians were dragged into the street and summarily executed. Two residential buildings were dynamited. Later, bodies were found buried in mass graves or thrown on the city's refuse dump.

Afterwards several hundred people were reported to have been taken away. They are still missing. Replying to questions asked in the United Nations Human Rights Committee on March 4, the Syrian Government said that the "attacks by certain militia . . . necessitated self-defence by Syrian troops".

Amnesty International, in calling for a full investigation into these killings, is equally concerned with reports of 23 Hezbollah supporters, said to have been lined up and shot by the Syrians in Beirut on February 25, and the fate of some 100 detainees reportedly handed into the custody of the Syrians by the Amal movement in late February, but whose whereabouts remain unknown.

● PARIS: The French Government appeared yesterday to reject the ultimatum from the Organization of Revolutionary Justice threatening to kill one of the French hostages in Beirut, when it said it intended "to pursue the fight against terrorism with tenacity and firmness, wherever it comes from and whatever form it takes" (Diana Geddes writes).

The Lebanese group threatened on Thursday to "execute" M Jean-Louis Normandin, a French television technician, within 48 hours unless M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, explained President Mitterrand's comments in Paris on Tuesday in which he said there was no question of stopping French military aid to Iraq or of doing deals with terrorists to secure the release of the French hostages.

M Mitterrand went on to say that he had once considered a presidential pardon in regard to Anis Naccache, leader of the commando which tried to kill Mr Shapour Bakhtiar, the last Prime Minister under the Shah, but only in exchange for the release of all the remaining French hostages. He ruled out the possibility of similar deals for any other Arab terrorists imprisoned in France.

M Denis Baudouin, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said yesterday that the Government "protests strongly against the detention of our compatriots, in breach of all the rules of international law and human rights, and against the threats against them by groups or organizations which it holds directly responsible for the fate of our compatriots".



Dhaka riot police baton-charging Muslim fundamentalists calling for the establishment of an Islamic republic in Bangladesh. More than 300 people were injured in clashes yesterday around the city's Baitul Mukarram mosque between police and some 2,000 supporters of the "Islamic Andolon" (revolution), an alliance of five fundamentalist parties.

PLO battles on in Beirut's forgotten war of the camps

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Three weeks after the Syrian Army entered west Beirut and five months after the long siege of their three Beirut camps began, Mr Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas are still fighting on hopelessly in a war that has been almost forgotten by the Lebanese.

One of the most senior Palestinian commanders in Chatila, Mr Assad Hamdane, was killed by a sniper of the Shia Muslim Amal militia in the Chatila camp this week. But his death scarcely merited a headline in the daily newspapers here.

Chatila and Sabra and the larger Bourj al-Barajneh camps are now bleak landscapes of grey rubble, their tottering slums and tenements visible to the naked eye to anyone driving down the road from the Kuwaiti Embassy or along the airport boulevard. Palestinian women are now allowed out to buy food in the Shia suburbs but some have complained that they are not only abused by Amal gunmen but shot at by PLO men in an attempt to discourage any breaking of the siege.

Mr Arafat has maintained his appeals for help to the Arab League and repeatedly complained about the "massacres" perpetrated against Palestinians in Beirut. But critics, like Mr Walid Jumblatt, said this week: "Now he should get his people, some of his people, out of west Beirut if he can. That would give the camps some rest."

The trouble is that neither Amal nor its Syrian sponsors are in any mood to allow Mr Arafat's defeated guerrillas to walk free from the ruins of the camps. And there are those in Beirut who are cynical enough — and have long enough memories — to suspect that Mr Arafat is quite prepared to see his supporters continue to suffer in Beirut in order to demonstrate Syria's ruthlessness. In 1976, he pointedly refused to allow his exhausted guerrillas at the Tel al-Zaatar camp to surrender, and precipitated their slaughter at the hands of Christian Phalangists.

The hunger of the civilian population of the Beirut camps and the lack of medical supplies for the wounded have provided a focus for international concern. In west Beirut, however, plain clothes Syrian Mukhabarrat intelligence agents have meanwhile complained that the PLO men inside the Bourj al-Barajneh camp deliberately broke a ceasefire this week.

Some of the Palestinian groups technically allied to Syria are still fighting on Mr Arafat's side in Chatila.

In southern Lebanon, Amal's failure to crush the PLO in the Rashidiyeh camp split the Shia Muslim movement and led this week to the forced resignation of some of its senior commanders, including Mr Daoud Daoud, one of its most popular officials in Tyre.

Christian right rejoices after Alabama ruling

Bible Belt judge defends book ban

From Charles Bremner
Mobile, Alabama

Judge Brevard Hand, a courtly Southern gentleman newly catapulted to notoriety, leaned back inside his grey-carpeted court-house and denied he was a judicial book burner.

"It amazes me that you can eliminate the Lord's Prayer from teaching in schools and that's not classified as censorship, but when you eliminate other religious tenets that's censorship," he said.

A week ago Judge Hand raised a storm that echoed far beyond this old French port on the Gulf of Mexico when he banned 45 books from Alabama classrooms because they promoted humanism to the neglect of religion.

Citing omissions in history texts and works with titles such as *Teen Guide* and *Contemporary Living*, Judge Hand accepted the argument put by lawyers for fundamentalist Christian parents that the textbooks propagated the "religion" of secular humanism.

Children across the state have been handing in their books, some dealing with subjects such as interior design and how to open a bank account.

The ruling, in favour of 624 Mobile families who challenged the school books, was a victory for the Christian right which is in the middle of a national resurgence with far-reaching political and social implications.

While Evangelical groups see Judge Hand's book ban as

> Things have just gone too far in this country

a triumph against the Godless, many educationalists and editorialists have denounced it as an outrage, or simply as a Bible Belt aberration certain to be reversed on appeal.

"Pure and simple censorship," said the National Parent-Teacher Association and the National School Board Association predicted that publishers would water down already insipid texts even further.

"Judge Hand's decision gives fundamentalists a two-year supply of matches to remove what they disagree with," said Mr Anthony Podesta, president of People for the American Way, a civil liberties group

Most of the criticism was focused on the judge's acceptance of the parents' case that secular humanism is a religious belief system, subject to the same constitutional rules as theistic creeds.

Under the constitution's First Amendment, American schools are barred from religious instruction. This has produced a lowest common denominator approach by publishers anxious to avoid offending minorities

It is not just the Christian conservatives who complain about the phenomenon. An Alabama School Board witness acknowledged in court during the trial last year that the books were often muddled and contained much "bad scholarship" about religion.

Mr Tom Parker, an Alabama lawyer hired by one of the biggest Evangelical organizations in the country to fight the parents' case, reeled off examples of distortions in history textbooks, apparently due to publishers' squeamishness over handling religion.

He quoted an emasculated text of the Mayflower Compact promulgated by the pilgrims that deletes references to God.

"Things have just gone too far in this country," said Mr Parker, a fervent churchgoer himself.

As an example of the anti-Christian values attacked by the parents, he cites advice to teenagers that "morals are rules made by people".

"What they are doing is denying that there is a God who is a lawgiver and turning to man as a source of all values," he argued.

Mr Bob Whorton, aged 35, one of the parents' leaders, says he was incensed by sexual advice in textbooks, particularly one that encouraged teachers to tell pregnant teenagers to contact a confidential advisory service rather than turn to their parents. He cites a discussion of shoplifting in another book. He said: "It is all about what happens if you

> We're just asking that they treat religion equally

get caught and it doesn't mention right or wrong."

Mr Parker, Mr Whorton and the other Christian plaintiffs deny that they want to substitute Christian teaching. Mr Whorton said: "We're just asking that they treat religion equally."

The Rev Fred Woolfe, the dynamic Baptist pastor of Mobile's biggest church, said: "There is going to be a demand nation-wide that the children be taught some moral values again."

Kenya police escort trains after derailments

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

Armed police are guarding Kenyan passenger trains for the first time since the 1950s Mau Mau emergency after a spate of unexplained derailments on main lines this year.

A spokesman for the Kenya Railways Corporation, confirming that patrols on motorized rail trolleys have been introduced, admitted there had been more derailments than normal last month.

Seven recent derailments have involved goods trains, most of them on the approaches to Mombasa or in the vicinity of Nairobi, causing lengthy delays to passenger trains which cannot pass because even the main routes are only single-track.

While sabotage has not been ruled out, the corporation says it will not issue a statement until investigations are completed. Three men who admitted being members of the Mwakenya movement were each jailed for 10 years in June for derailing a goods train in the Rift Valley between Nairobi and Nakuru.

● Detention order: The Kenyan Government yesterday published a detention order in its official *Kenya Gazette* against a Nairobi lawyer, Mr Gibson Kuria, who has not been heard from since his arrest two weeks ago.

Mr Kuria's case was brought up in the High Court when an order was sought for the Police Commissioner to produce him in court and give reasons for detaining him.

It is understood that the grounds for detaining the Oxford-educated lawyer include belonging to the Mwakenya movement, which the Government considers subversive.

The Government also alleges that Mr Kuria attended subversive meetings. It charged specifically that during a meeting in Zimbabwe he discussed with dissidents plans to overthrow the Moi Government.

At yesterday's hearing a lawyer, Mr Paul Muite, challenged the validity of the detention order and asked that a constitutional court be set up to review it. A ruling will be given on April 6.

Finland's general election

Conservative revival after 20 years

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

Opinion polls for Finland's general election tomorrow and Monday show the Conservatives in the running to replace the Social Democrats as the largest party, and for the first time in two decades they could find a place in government.

As usual, the campaign has been quiet with taxation again emerging as the most important election issue, but the focus is firmly on post-election coalition negotiations.

According to the latest Gallup poll, both the Conservatives and the Social Democrats are expected to poll about 24 per cent. In any event, the Conservatives will confirm their clear second place and it is increasingly difficult for other parties to keep them in opposition, even in Finland's Byzantine coalition negotiations.

Finland's complicated proportional representation system has led to a 10-party Parliament where coalition-forming has always been more decisive than actual election results. Thus the country has been ruled by a centre-left coalition since 1966.

The mainstay of the centre-left "red ochre" coalitions has been the co-operation between the Social Democrats, who see the Conservatives as ideological enemies as well as competitors, and the non-socialist Centre Party, which in the 1983 election polled 16.6 per cent of the vote compared to the Conservatives' 22.1 per cent.

However, this time around the Conservative hand is strengthened by the fact that the political climate has changed and the country has moved clearly to the right. The total vote of the socialist



Mrs Halkola: looks may not be enough to win votes.

parties, which was more than 50 per cent in the 1960s, has fallen to below 40 per cent.

But the Conservatives do have two big problems to overcome. Firstly, they have not been able to put forward any strong candidates as leader, and secondly the four years of the outgoing four-party coalition, led by Mr Kalevi Sorsa of the Social Democrats, have been unusually stable and prosperous.

The other main feature of the election is the projected demise of the Communists. Finland's Stalinists, who split from the mainline Communist Party last year, are trying to fend off a crushing defeat with the help of their popular singer-actress leader, Mrs Kristiina Halkola, aged 42.

This is the first time her new Stalinist party, Democratic Alternative (Deva), fights an election on its own. It was formed last April after the left-wingers had lost to the Eurocommunists after a 20-year fight for the supremacy of the original Finnish Communist party, SKP. Opinion polls predict heavy losses for both parties.

The latest Gallup poll published by the *Helsingin Sanomat* newspaper predicts that the Social Democrats will receive 24.6 per cent, the Conservatives 23.9 per cent and the Centre Party 18.3 per cent. Both Communist parties face losses. The Eurocommunist SKP is expected to receive 11 per cent and the Stalinist Deva 1.5 per cent of the vote. The biggest gainer will be the Greens with 5 per cent of the vote.

Tamils 'preferred Britain to India'

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

A number of the Tamils who sought asylum in mid-February in Britain, amid much controversy, opted to take their chance there rather than India because they feared they would be forced to join the Tamil guerrillas, according to some of the family members in Colombo.

They said their children are not safe in the north because of the fighting between government troops and the Tamil militants, and prospects of employment in the capital, Colombo, are bleak.

"If they went to Madras they would end up in the training camps of the boys (as the militants are called by most Tamils) and we fear for their safety," said the mother of one of those who sought refuge in Britain.

The Sri Lankan authorities have 48 names of the Tamils who sought asylum in mid-February after flying to Britain from Bangladesh.

They have discovered from the Passport Office that, except for five, they have given addresses in the north. Sri Lankan passports have been issued to all except two of the 48 people; 19 are aged under 21, while 25 are under 35. One of the passport holders has two minors registered on her passport.

One of the asylum seekers, Miss S. Sivasubramanium, aged 32, who gave an address in Colombo, is the daughter of a medical officer of health employed by the Sri Lankan Government, and she has a sister and two brothers living in Britain. Another brother is in West Germany, while a sister is studying in India.

She came to Britain because, except for her aged parents, all her family are overseas.

Another asylum seeker, Miss K. Nirmaladevy, aged 19, has a brother-in-law, Mr Kulasabanathan, a Customs officer, who was detained by the Sri Lankan police in May 1986 after an Air Lanka Tristar was blown up on the tarmac of Colombo airport. A week later her brother, Udayan, was detained as well. They have not been released.

Since there are no male members of the family left, Miss Nirmaladevy had decided to try her luck in England, a family member said.

Mr Suppiramaniam Mohanthas, aged 35, also gave an address in Colombo. Other residents there said that Mr Mohanthas had hired a room there and left in December. They did not know any further details about him.

Two of the Tamil names on the list of 48 had Sri Lankan passports which had been issued to two members of the majority Sinhalese community and were stolen. Mr T. Koneswaran held a passport issued in the name of Miss Godage Nandanee Hemallatha, while Mr A. Subramanian had a Sri Lankan passport issued to Mr T. A. D. Karunaratne.

Eighty-two Tamils detained on suspicion of involvement with separatist guerrillas will be released immediately, the Sri Lanka Government said yesterday (Reuter reports from Colombo).

It said the Attorney-General found there was insufficient evidence to file charges against them. Other detained Tamils against whom charges have not been filed will also be released soon.

Thirteen die in freighter blaze

Ravenna (Reuter) — Thirteen men were killed and several were missing yesterday after fire broke out on an Italian cargo ship undergoing repairs.

The fire, believed to have been caused by an explosion, broke out on board the Elisabetta Montanari, a 2,893-tonne liquefied gas carrier. It had been in repair in dry dock at Porto San Vitale, near Ravenna, on the northern Adriatic coast.

A spokeswoman for the Civil Protection Ministry in Rome said seven bodies had been taken off the ship and two had been located in the area of the hull where the blaze broke out.

The fire was under control and rescue work was proceeding smoothly.

Italy triples parking fines

Rome (AP) — In an effort to deal with worsening traffic congestion in principal cities, the Italian Government has decided to triple fines for parking and driving violations.

Fines for parking in forbidden areas — the most common infringement of Italian drivers — were raised to 36,000 lire (£17), and municipal authorities have been authorized to increase fines up to ten times if violations occur in historic centres.

Happy landing

Port Stanley (AP) — An American Boeing 747 on charter to an international ocean exploration programme has become the first foreign chartered plane to land at Britain's international airport on the Falkland Islands.

Fog pile-up

Lille (AP) — More than 150 cars and lorries slammed into one another in a spectacular, chain-reaction smash-up in heavy fog on the Paris-Dunkirk motorway, but no one was killed and only 17 people were injured.

Six years

Seoul (Reuter) — A Seoul court sentenced Kim Son Tae, a former student, to six years in prison for trying to form a Communist Party to topple the South Korean Government.

All bark

Harare (AP) — Champion Great Dane Cairnryan Rebel of Liskune, who stands 3ft tall and scoops all the top prizes at Zimbabwe dog shows, was taken for a ride by thieves who stole his owner's pick-up truck which he was supposed to be guarding, and dumped him on waste land two miles away.

Off the menu

Bangkok (Reuter) — Thai gourmets will have to do without their favourite *hors d'oeuvre*, as the country's locusts face a slow death from sprayed insecticides in a new anti-locust drive.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Big Ron flies out

Speculation about international football transfers is roaring across the back pages: this column brings you the big one that everyone else missed. Yes, Ron Corbett, manager of Tipton Town (from the Banks's Brewery League premier division) has accepted an offer to move abroad. He will manage LIF club in the Faeroes, the islands between Iceland and the Shetlands that belong to Denmark. Corbett is up to it. Before joining Tipton (record attendance 486) at the start of the season he had managed two other Midlands giants: Old Swinford and Solihull Borough. He has already given up his job as commercial manager of a cash and carry outlet to take up the post, for the Faeroe season runs from April to September.

Fast four

This is, you may recall, the column that tips the winners. My ace racing snout, who last year gave you the winners of the National, Derby, Irish Derby, Diamonds and Arc, has four suggestions for the Cheltenham Festival next week. He recommends Midsummer Gamble, in the first race of the meeting, See You Then in the Champion Hurdle, and fancies No Other Way in the Foxhunters. For the Gold Cup, go for Stearsby — so long as it rains before Thursday.

Low breed

As the flat racing season draws closer, get a load of this: "Bookmakers have become so rich they are having to search all over the world for schemes to invest in. Yet race courses are still semi-slums, prize money is far below that in many countries which race the runt of the thoroughbred breed, owners are quitting the sport at a snowballing rate, and the small breeder, in spite of so often producing an animal that in blood and type is superior to that produced in most parts of the world, is being driven out of existence." James Underwood, from *British and Irish Breeding Update*.

Peace news

I bear grim tidings. The cricket World Cup to be held later this year now has an official mascot. The competition, to be held in both India and Pakistan, will carry a "cricket for peace" slogan, which is laudable enough. The mascot is a pigeon dressed up for batting and called, I fear, "Dovey".

BARRY FANTONI



'A world title? Heavens no — I'm training for a rugby international'

Cut no ice

"Ooh, and another low mark from the Russian judge . . ." Yes, the World Skating Championships are with us again this week. By far the most spectacular performers have come from Hong Kong. Their skaters have been so hopeless they have been unable even to attempt such things as the Required Elements. Their figure-skating pair received marks from 0.2 to a downright sycophantic 0.6; in the men's competition their skater got two 0.1s. The ice-dance pair didn't even know the rules, and withdrew without skating. Every member of the International Skating Union is allowed to send one entrant for each division.

● Quote: "Well, I guess all those years of practice finally paid off." Jack Nicklaus II, on breaking 50 for nine holes at the age of nine. *From the newly published Book of Golf Quotations.*

Arms dealer

Terry Kissell has won all 28 of his wrestling matches this season. This is pretty good going for a lad with only one leg. Kissell, a 17-year-old American high school boy, lost a leg in a farming accident when he was three. He has an artificial leg, but prefers crutches, and leading an active life on crutches has given him remarkable upper-body strength. He even completes training runs on crutches. "My strength is my advantage," he said. "Plus, guys who've never wrestled me before aren't quite sure what to do."

Boston stump

Boston United of the GM Vauxhall Conference were, as you may recall, on the verge of using their ninth goalkeeper of the season. They have now used their tenth. Billy Millar, signed from Alfreton Town, was the man, and the third keeper in three games. He kept a clean sheet in the win over Stafford Rangers in his first game.

David Hooper considers the lessons to be learnt from the Peter Wright case

Fewer secrets — more control

Whatever the ultimate outcome of the Peter Wright case, a better way of dealing with such cases must be found to avoid any future embarrassment to the government. The idea of a former member of MI5 writing his memoirs need not be so shocking. After all, until Richard Crossman's diaries were published in 1975, it was thought inconceivable that a Cabinet minister could publish his records of recent Cabinet discussions. Now ministers can and do happily publish such memoirs.

It is true that Wright would have signed the Official Secrets Act, but so each year do thousands of people, some doing nothing more confidential than weeding the gardens at Hampton Court. Had Wright worked for the CIA he would have had no difficulty over publication. He would have signed a document similar to that under the Official Secrets Act and would have had to submit the manuscript to the Publications Review Board, which would examine it on its merits and, within 30 days, list the deletions it required. These could then be the subject of negotiation and, failing agreement, litigation.

Between January 1977 and March 1983 170 authors submitted 430 items for approval. None was rejected in its entirety, and in most only very limited changes, if any, were requested. No book by a former CIA officer has ever been prohibited on grounds of its content. Many recently retired CIA officers have been permitted to write their memoirs, including the director of the CIA under President Carter. .

Retired senior officers of Asio, the Australian security service, have written their memoirs and so has the recently retired head of DST, France's MI5 equivalent.

What clearly emerged in the Peter Wright case was that, irrespective of the merits of the dispute, many matters were being kept needlessly secret. Sir Robert Armstrong was, by the terms of his brief, compelled not to admit the existence of "that other security organization" — except during the time that it was headed by Sir Dick White — although the evidence showed that most London taxi drivers could take you to its premises without difficulty.

One lesson of the Wright case must surely be that the government should concentrate on protecting secrets that really matter — defence, devaluation of the pound, certain police operations and so forth. This would help restore the all-party consensus on national security, which has suffered as a result of the case.

In the United States since 1976 the CIA's activities have been monitored by permanent select committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Unlike the British security agencies, which have no statutory basis and are merely governed by the Maxwell-Fyfe Directive, the CIA is a statutory body established under the National Security Act of 1947.

The CIA is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, although deletions from documents can be and are made on security grounds; America's legislation comparable with the Official Secrets Act is rarely used. The first amendment to the constitution, guaranteeing freedom of the press, prevents the American authorities suppressing books or articles like Wright's.

The attempt to prevent publication by *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post* in 1971 of highly classified Pentagon papers was a conspicuous failure.

The position in Australia is in many respects similar. As the result of an inquiry set up in 1972 by Gough Whitlam, the then prime minister, the activities of the security services are monitored by a committee of the federal parliament, with an independent inspector-general reporting to the Attorney General's department. Even in Canada, with a more cautious approach, the security services are subject to some parliamentary scrutiny.

When Peter Wright's book is finally published, serious consideration will have to be given by the British authorities as to whether they should follow American practice in judging all such books on their merits rather than trying to uphold a policy of blanket secrecy very often regardless of content. The government consistently refused offers by Wright to remove specified items.

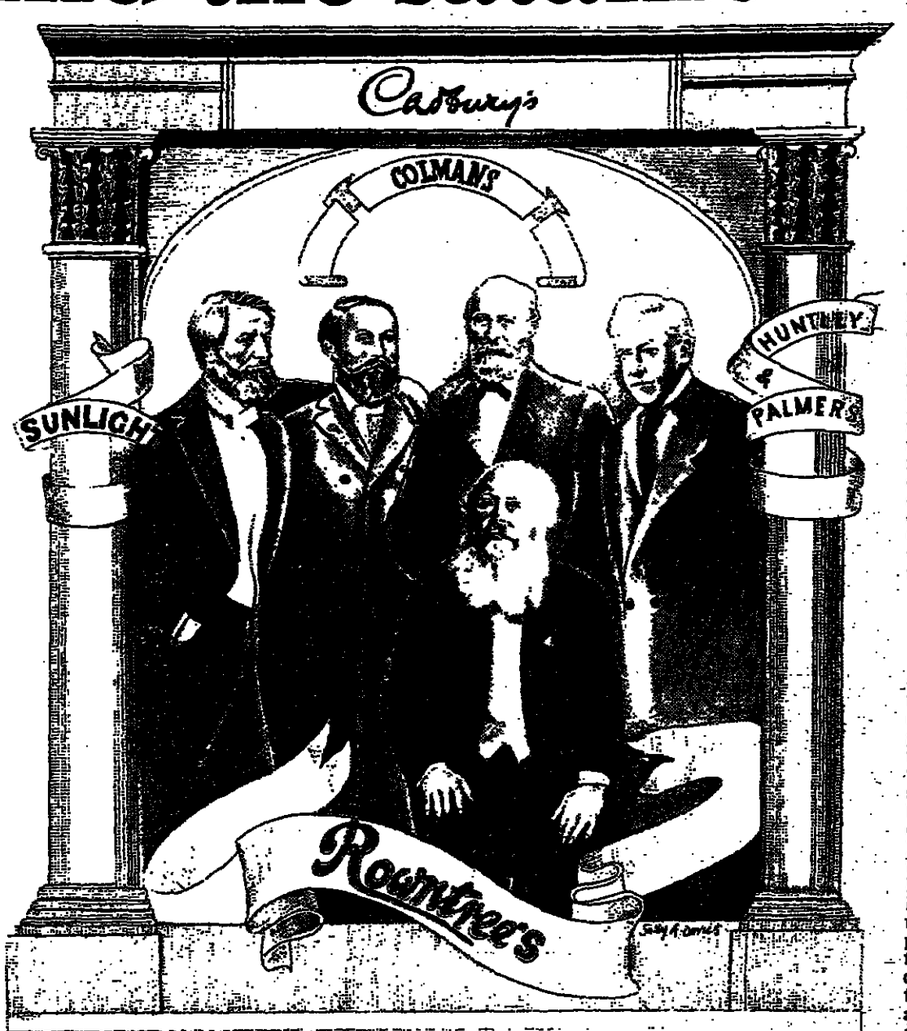
Although the case against him was brought on the grounds of alleged breach of a duty of confidentiality, it is likely to revive the debate about Whitehall's obsession with secrecy. The other main consequence is likely to be a debate on whether the present system of virtual self-regulation in the security service does provide Britain with the service it deserves, or whether there should, as elsewhere, be a limited degree of supervision, perhaps by a suitably qualified committee of privy councillors.

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Saints amid the satanic mills

Ian Bradley finds an example for today's tycoon in the concern and moral vision of the great Victorian industrialists



Five public-spirited men (clockwise from top left): Palmer, Rowntree, George Cadbury, Lever, Colman

Despite the efforts made to change popular attitudes in Britain towards industry, the entrepreneur is still far from being an esteemed figure. I suspect that one main reason is that most reports we read about successful businessmen have the character of scandals rather than romances. The Guinness affair has confirmed a picture already well formed in the national consciousness.

However, even allowing for the fact that the media highlight human weakness, the popular perception of entrepreneurs as sharp-dealing, fast-living jet-setters who are not much concerned for the general welfare is understandable. The image that some leading industrialists and tycoons project through their lifestyles and attitudes is not exactly heroic.

This is in marked contrast with the situation 100 years ago, when many British industrialists were generally regarded not just as heroes but almost as saints — with some reason, given the nature of their attitudes and achievements. I have just finished a study of 10 of the most successful British industrialists in the 19th century, among them the men who founded or built up such companies as Cadburys, Rowntrees, Boots, Reckitt and Colman and Unilever. All of them became very rich, but they also all developed into political radicals, generous philanthropists and remarkably enlightened employers.

The Victorian values they espoused were more complex and humane than those to which Mrs Thatcher and others would have us return. They are worth studying and even copying by modern-day entrepreneurs, who might envy and wonder at the esteem in which they were held.

It is true that the Thatcherite themes of self-help, thrift and hard work were dominant features in the lives of these Victorian and Edwardian entrepreneurs. All of them came from comparatively humble origins and not one of them went to university. They started their careers either as unskilled apprentices or working behind the counters of their parents' shops. Although each showed flair in a particular area, such as the exploitation of a new raw material or product, mechanization, advertising or marketing, what united them was their dogged attachment to the exercise of humdrum qualities like regularity, application and method. In many ways the secret of their success was well expressed by William Lever in an address to the students of Liverpool University: "The conduct of successful business merely consists in doing things in a very simple way, doing them regularly and never neglecting to do them."

One of the most striking features of this remarkably successful group of entrepreneurs was that they did not allow their increasing wealth to change their habits or lifestyle. They continued to take pride in being in their factories before most of their workers, often having begun the day with a bracing cold bath or shower, and they were usually still at their desks long after the workforce had gone home. Social engagements were largely shunned in favour of domestic recreations of a strikingly wholesome and sober kind. Of the 10 entrepreneurs in my study — and there were many more like them — seven were teetotal and the other three drank very little.

Perhaps more important, from the point of view of their workforce, they remained essentially provincial figures, resisting the lure of London and preferring to keep their offices close to their factories. They also continued to live near their employees rather than retreating to expensive and isolated mansions in the country. Within their works they were accessible to employees. George Palmer lived in a modest villa near his Reading biscuit factory.

Samuel Morley, whose hosiery empire in the East Midlands employed more than 8,000 and made him reputedly the richest commoner in Victorian Britain, insisted on paying each of his clerks personally every week. It was not uncommon for George and Richard Cadbury to crawl under the tables in the workrooms at their Bournville factory early in the morning to make sure the water pipes were hot enough. Nor were they above helping on the production lines — girls in the packing department fondly remembered Richard making birds' nests for Easter eggs.

Concern for the social and physical welfare of employees inspired the model industrial communities of Saltaire near Bradford, Bournville in Birmingham, New Earswick in York and Port Sunlight on the Wirral, which stand today as attractive living memorials to the enlightened face of Victorian capitalism, even if now they are largely gentrified and likely to be lived in by middle-class commuters.

In these communities Titus Salt, the richest and most powerful of the West Yorkshire textile barons who employed more than 3,500 in his worsted mills, George Cadbury, Joseph Rowntree and William Lever pioneered the garden city idea and introduced many revolutionary principles of urban housing and design. Others led the way in different areas of social welfare, such as the occupational health service provided by Jeremiah Colman in his Norwich mustard works.

For employees of enterprises like Colmans, Cadburys and Lever Brothers in the late 19th century the firm was a provider not just of wages but of housing, health care, education, recreation and entertainment. In the evenings there were company-run night schools and debates, at weekends company-run concerts and dances, and on bank holidays works outings to the seaside. The total environment that so many Victorian employers provided for their workers is similar to that laid on by many Japanese companies today. It reflected a strong element of paternalism, but this was often accompanied by a commitment to industrial democracy and to the introduction of profit-sharing and co-partnership schemes.

On the whole, these leading Victorian and Edwardian entrepreneurs much preferred giving away the fortunes they had amassed to spending money on themselves. Among the institutions established through their philanthropy are the Old Vic Theatre, transformed from a notorious drinking den into a palace of culture and temperance music hall, thanks to the generosity of Samuel Morley; Royal Holloway College, built out of the profits of Thomas Holloway's phenomenally successful patent medicine business; and Nottingham University, founded on the basis of endowments provided by Jesse Boot, the founder of the chemist's.

Two belief systems, one political and the other religious, underlay both the entrepreneurial zeal and the philanthropic enlightenment of these particular eminent Victorians, and of countless other members of the industrial and business community in the 19th century. Gladstonian Liberalism and Protestant Christianity were their guiding lights. They took a prominent part in campaigns for political and social reform locally and nationally, and it is hardly too much to say that religion, and specially the demanding creed of the Nonconformist conscience, was the dominant influence in their lives.

It is not surprising that many of these men were respected, admired and loved, not least by their own employees. It was estimated that more than 120,000 people lined the route of Titus Salt's funeral cortège from Saltaire to Bradford. Samuel Morley's funeral was attended by representatives of more than 100 religious, social and philanthropic organizations and by many employees and others who had directly experienced his kindness. One wonders how many workers would turn out for the funerals of their bosses today.

Of course, circumstances have changed considerably. The climate in which British industry operates is much less favourable than it was in the heyday of our commercial supremacy. Competition is more intense, the need to cut costs more pressing, and there is an extensive state welfare system to provide many of the benefits that were offered by enlightened Victorian employers. Paternalism is out of fashion with unions and with management. Lines of communication at all levels of business and industry tend to be official rather than personal. But even allowing for all this it is hard to avoid the conclusion that today's entrepreneurs are a different breed, and that is why they command so much less respect.

How many modern industrialists could say, as Joseph Rowntree did with all sincerity in the first issue of his *Cocoa Works Magazine*, that their aim in life was that of "combining social progress with commercial success"?

In Victorian times business was seen as a romance and books by the score portrayed the lives of entrepreneurs both as gripping adventure stories and also as examples of high moral principle, dedication to public service and concern for others. Is it too much to hope that modern entrepreneurs might provide the material for such romances today, rather than just more subject matter for the modern equivalents of the penny dreadfuls?

Ian Bradley's book, Enlightened Entrepreneurs, *has just been published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson (£14.95).*

Michael Kinsley

Let's hammer Opec

Washington

Britain, I know, has mixed feelings about oil prices. North Sea oil is just about its only reason for economic swagger. Yet the Thatcher government has been admirably principled in refusing to co-operate with Opec, even when prices collapsed last year from $25 to less than $10 a barrel.

Meanwhile, incredibly, the Reagan administration's all-but-official policy is to encourage the revival of Opec, even though the US imports almost half its oil. This is a scandal that has gone almost unremarked. According to *The New Republic* — and no one denies it — the administration wants to see oil at $20 a barrel. Donald Hodel, the Interior Secretary, has been speaking about the danger of cheap oil, signalling to Opec that it has US support. Thanks to production cuts agreed by Opec members in December, which seem to be holding, the $20 "target" might soon be met.

It should be obvious that $10 oil is better than $20 oil, even for a nation like Britain that is not (yet) dependent on imports. In 1879 the American economist Henry George wrote that money spent on raw materials is like a dead weight or tax on the productive factors in the economy: capital and labour. For those who find this view too eccentric, a straightforward capitalist analysis will do: the most efficient price for anything is the price set by competition in the free market; $20 is a price set by a cartel; $10 was the market price when the cartel collapsed.

The difference between $10 oil and $20 oil is an added burden of about $60 billion a year on American producers and consumers, almost half of which goes abroad. Meanwhile the Soviet Union, at 4.3 billion barrels a year the world's largest producer, suddenly enjoys a $43 billion boost to its gross national product, much of it in the form of badly needed foreign exchange. The higher price will relieve those oil-producing nations that squandered their blessings (I name no names), but the very poorest nations are impoverished further. Africa's oil bill, for instance, goes up by $6 billion — about six times the amount it receives in US aid.

It is said in favour of an increase that low prices will make the US more dependent on Opec oil, allowing Opec to raise prices again in the future. True, the proper goal is low oil prices in the long run, not the short. You cannot say for sure that today's bargain won't lead to tomorrow's rip-off. What you can say for sure is that on this question the interests of oil users and oil suppliers are directly contradictory. If low prices now will lead to high prices later, why is Opec trying so hard to raise prices now? They know their own interests, I suspect.

Second, "national security" is invoked — always the last refuge of the protectionist. America needs to know we shall have oil when we need it, and cannot be blackmailed. But is this insurance policy worth $60 billion a year? For $60 billion, the US could buy an extra year's worth of $10 oil every year — more than two years' worth of current imports — to save for that rainy day. Indeed, since oil is a finite resource, "national security" might better be served by using foreign oil today and hoarding our own supplies.

It is madness for America and the industrialized West to stand by and do nothing, let alone give an approving wink, as Opec regroups. The final destruction of the cartel would be a boon for both prosperity and security, and now is the moment to strike. First we must send a clear message that cartel market manipulation is against Western interests and regarded by the US government as an unfriendly act. Indeed, Opec's behaviour is flagrantly criminal under America's anti-trust laws, and its officials should perhaps be told they risk arrest if they try to enter the United States.

Second, given that petrol here costs only about 60p a gallon, the US needs an energy tax to hold down consumption. Third, the US should counter Opec production restrictions by dumping oil on the market from its strategic petroleum reserve. In December Opec members cut production by 2.7 million barrels a day. The US reserve is 500 million barrels. Only a few days' dumping would be required before Opec members got the message and started to increase production.

Why has the Reagan administration done nothing to keep prices low? Mainly as a favour to America's politically powerful oil interests. These interests would be helped just as much by an import levy, but Reagan has pledged never to raise taxes. The result is insane: rather than allow extra money to enter the Treasury in Washington, he is helping to enrich the treasuries of Riyadh, Tripoli, and Moscow.

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Alan Peacock

Pruning the Garden

Much as I love the opera, I can produce only a slim case for special treatment of Covent Garden. I fully support the Arts Council policy of making the creative and performed arts more accessible and believe that its attempt at audience-building is incompatible with maintaining opera, the most expensive art form, in the traditional way.

The new policy means more new ventures widely scattered geographically or mobile enough to reach isolated areas. It means building on the interests and aptitudes of new audiences, particularly the young and relatively poor, whose taste for and experience of opera barely exists. Above all, when arts funding does not keep pace with inflation, it implies a cut in real resources for Covent Garden unless it can adapt to the new policy.

The Garden must find it difficult to accept a change which reduces its expectations of a priority claim on resources and questions its artistic policies. By requesting funding increases well in excess of the percentage increase available to the Arts Council, it implicitly assumes that the new policy will have to be abandoned. The Garden, in common with other national companies, would be wise not to hold to that assumption. It may persuade the Council to provide a more secure basis for future planning based on a three-year forward commitment. Even this recommendation, now being explored by the Minister for the Arts, would put Covent Garden in a privileged position *vis-à-vis* new artistic ventures. Through its purposeful retiring chairman, Sir Claus Moser, the Garden has taken these constraints on the Council as a sign that even more of its efforts should be directed at attracting private finance and at persuading the government to treat it as a special case.

Good luck to Sir Claus and his colleagues in seeking further funding from private sources, which could include a look at ticket pricing policy. The arguments for separate government funding, however, need careful examination. They amount to an attempt to convince us that Covent Garden opera confers more uncovenanted benefits on us all per extra pound spent than would other cultural institutions.

The first supposed benefit can be easily dismissed — the idea that the existence of Covent Garden opera is essential for the survival of regional opera. But regional companies have created audiences with distinct preference patterns; if they look anywhere for a lead, it is more likely to be towards the English National Opera.

The second claim is that the Garden is central to the conservation and development of our national culture. In recent years British composers have been in the van in the creation of new operatic ventures, and the Garden has promoted some of these. But even the most fanatical supporter of opera would subscribe to a long list of comparable cultural institutions which deserve support. Any consideration of public funding for the Garden must take account of the alternative cultural benefits forgone.

The third claim is that our international cultural prestige has replaced economic supremacy as a contributor towards our general satisfaction. The Garden could indeed count itself as one of the complex of metropolitan cultural institutions which supports this end, even if the principal singers, producers, designers and conductors come from abroad and mount mainly German, Italian, and Russian operas in the original language.

This might make a case for some form of export subsidy but hardly one for a considerably larger production grant. The government might contract with the Garden to buy blocks of tickets (at commercial prices) which could then be distributed free to the international community through embassies, the British Council and the like. This is no more outlandish than the tax concessions for certain export goods granted to tourists.

Accepting special funding for a small exclusive group of national companies would lead to the balkanization of arts financing, a highly complicated bargaining structure between such companies and the government, and the consequent creation of a bureaucratic paradise.

A very respectable general case can be made for much more spending on the creative and performed arts, though coupled with more efficient and economical methods of funding. That case is not helped by attempts to create privileged artistic empires, immune from competitive tendering for public funding and from the judgement of their peers.

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TAX CUTTING TIME

Mr Nigel Lawson has risen phoenix-like from the ashes of his Autumn Statement. In November he announced an increase of £4.75 billion in the Government's plans for public spending and it was by no means clear that he would have any scope for tax cuts in the Budget at all. Since then outside estimates of how much he may be able to "give away" have continually increased until they now stand at about £5 billion, by far the largest "kitty" available to a Chancellor in recent years. To what extent should these unexpected riches change the Chancellor's Budget judgement?

There are those who think it should lead to reduced borrowing. The Budget-making process began with the presumption, laid down a year ago, and confirmed in November, that Government borrowing should not exceed 1.75 per cent of GDP. This will, however, be too high a figure if the economy turns out to be now growing faster in money terms than was intended.

The modest rise in inflation argues in favour of a somewhat lower public sector borrowing requirement than the £7 billion sketched into the plans. A £1 billion reduction in the PSBR would be a reasonable target.

To some this reduction will be too little. But there is evidence that much of the rise in revenue which is helping to reduce borrowing is the result of greater buoyancy in the tax take. This is particularly true of Corporation Tax where one of the effects of the 1984 reforms has been to convert what used to be an avoidable tax for many companies into a much more certain stream of government revenue. Insofar as lower levels of borrowing arise from greater tax buoyancy it is entirely proper for the Chancellor to leave more of the money where it is, in the private sector.

If the "kitty" is £5 billion, this leaves £4 billion for tax cuts. These should be concentrated where they will do most good to the efficient working of the economy rather than to the Conservatives' chances of re-election.

The two principles are not in conflict as much as Tory politicians often think. A coherent and defensible economic strategy carries its own conviction. But putting fiscal coherence first does argue against eye-catching changes like raising the limit for mortgage interest relief. Though dear to the hearts of owner occupiers the relief does much to fuel the boom in house prices and is in blatant conflict with the aim of getting rid of as many special reliefs as possible.

In constructing his Budget Mr Lawson should build on the themes which he has already introduced. Trade union reform has helped to achieve an improved degree of realism and responsibility in industry, and the Chancellor's proposals for profit-related pay could help to build a positive link between pay and performance. Despite some predictable scepticism in industry Mr Lawson should go ahead with his scheme on an experimental basis while putting a time limit on any tax relief involved.

As well as encouraging identification with the fortunes of industry at the place of work the Government has tried to foster the same attitudes in a more generalised way by turning Britain into a nation of share owners as well as home owners. Privatisation has created a whole new market for share ownership.

Last year's Budget attempted to build on this new interest in direct ownership of shares by introducing Personal Equity Plans. These offered a limited measure of the tax relief that much institutional saving has long enjoyed. But the Chancellor should be cautious about adding to tax relief in this area. It is not clear that PEP yet strikes the best balance between keeping administrative costs down and giving investors the most direct control over their investment decisions.

The Government has already recognised the importance of a capital tax regime appropriate to policies of fostering enterprise and ownership. Capital Gains Tax, though horribly complicated, is now a much fairer tax. But Inheritance Tax still bites at a relatively low level in these days of sharply rising property prices.

The centrepiece of the Budget will be cuts in income tax. This is not the year, with inflation rising, in which to pursue the switch from taxes on income to taxes on spending. The Government should go on pressing the EEC for a big increase in the threshold at which businesses have to register for VAT. But the Chancellor looks like having ample scope without raising extra from indirect taxes.

There is certainly a case for using some of this to cut National Insurance Contributions. The sensible way forward would be to amalgamate NICs and income tax, but that is no longer on the active political agenda. There is also a case for raising allowances rather than cutting rates, but the poverty and unemployment traps are not so acute following last year's social security reforms. Moreover, big increases in allowances are implicit in the plan to move to a system of transferable allowances.

The argument for a cut in both the basic rate and the higher rates is that while the tax burden in Britain is not wildly different from other major countries (though substantially higher than in the US and Japan) both the starting rate of income tax and the top rate are becoming increasingly out of line. The answer is to cut rates at both the top and the bottom.

THE JUDGE AND THE SPYCATCHER

Long before the Supreme Court rose in Sydney last December, Judge Philip Powell had, with Antipodean frankness, made it very clear where his sympathies lay. Yesterday's judgement in what has become known as the MI5 spy case did not thus come as any great surprise.

It follows, however, that none of its 286 pages is likely to contain the last word on the matter. For all the fumbling ineffectiveness of the British approach to it, the case involves a principle which was half-acknowledged even by Judge Powell himself.

Mr Peter Wright, whose memoirs *Spycatcher* might yet have to negotiate the Australian Court of Appeal before being published, is a retired counter-espionage agent from Britain's Security Service, MI5. As such he is still bound by the Official Secrets Act.

The judge, while not accepting that any contract still tied Mr Wright to his ex-employers, agreed that he had an obligation of confidentiality. "There can, I think" he says in his judgement, "be little doubt that the obligation continued, and will continue, to be binding on Mr Wright during such time as any information (which he discovered during his service) retained its confidential quality."

The British Government's argument failed, according to the judgement, because in respect of the information contained in Mr Wright's manuscript, this was no longer considered to be the case. The subject matter had already been extensively dealt with by the investigative journalist Mr Chapman Pincher in his book *Their Trade is Treachury*, whose publication in 1981 was unimpeded by the Government.

Judge Powell's thesis, however, does not adequately differentiate between a book like that written by Mr Pincher and the manuscript compiled by Mr Wright. There remains a world of difference between any work by an invesigative journalist, however skilled, and one by a man like Peter Wright, whose knowledge and experience of Whitehall is so intimate and far-reaching.

Mr Wright had signed the Official Secrets Act and it is hard to see how he was absolved from that. His evidence that Hollis was a Soviet spy, was already well-known to the authorities. Yet the case against Hollis remains unproven. Indeed that other unofficial molehunter, Mr Nigel West, has just named another guilty man instead — Sir Roger's own deputy, the late Mr Graham Mitchell.

Mr Wright's own version of events may well be a fasincating addition to all this speculation. But is he right to take advantage of his privileged position? It is arguable that the British Government should change the rules, allowing publication by men like Mr Wright on the understanding that their manuscripts are vetted. But this is not now the case and unless or until it becomes so, the judgement of the Australian Supreme Court remains very questionable.

The Government has 28 days in which to consider going to the Australian Court of Appeal or even higher. It seems likely that it will eventually decide to do so. There is an argument that it would be better to cut its losses and acknowledge defeat once and for all. But the principle on which it took its stand is still in place. To abandon it now would lay the Government open to further abuse of privilege by those who would argue, much as was argued in Sydney, that if it failed to take action last time — then why should it do so the next.

FOURTH LEADER

A lecturer on anthropology at the University College of Swansea is about to embark on a novel research project. She has received a grant of £21,000 from the Economic and Social Research Council to spend a year on a Greek island studying the natives, the visitors and the relations between them, with special reference to tourism.

Our first question is a practical one: where is the end of the queue, and should we take our passport with us when we join it? For we do not think that we are exceptionally envious, but we would go to considerable lengths to get our bread in such succulent gravy. We have often dreamed of winning one of those holiday-of-a-lifetime competitions. In Swansea, however, they evidently think big, at any rate in the anthropology department; a fortnight in the sun at the expense of the ESRC might be thought reasonable, a month lavish — but a *year*?

Envy begins to turn into resentment: what is she going to do with all that time in all that sun? She is taking her husband and their child with her, we learn, so there will presumably be a certain amount of domesticity to be dealt with, of which we trust she will do her fair share; we do not doubt that her husband will do his, but if, when the washing-up is waiting, she were to murmur that she must don her swimsuit and wander down to to the beach for a couple of hours in the interests of science and learning, it might impart something of an edge to the conversation.

There are drawbacks, we must admit. It is hard to determine whether the locals or the visitors will be the more bemused when the lady accosts them, clipboard in hand, and starts to ask them questions. In some encounters, she will be lucky not to be chased off the beach by people who have gained the impression that she is trying to sell them timesbare accommodation; others may suppose that she is the local representative of their package-tour firm, and demand to know why the brochure promised a sea view when their window overlooks nothing but a chicken-run and the island's discotheque.

On the other hand, there are benefits; here we begin to grind our teeth. A year of sand and sun; supplies of reasonable wine, fresh goat-cheese and ripe olives, all bought for a pittance; Greek village hospitality; perhaps a classical ruin or two to explore — oh, *where* is that queue?

For that matter, where is the island? The lady has so far declined to name it; perhaps she is wise, for we can hardly be the only ones who envy her luck, and she wouldn't want to be swamped by applications for the job of sharpening her pencil. She does, incidentally, have one complaint of her own; it seems that she is one of those who, for far from tanning a golden brown in the sun, burn frightfully and turn lobster red. Poor thing; still, £21,000 will buy a year's worth of Ambre Solaire, and a bit over.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food complaints hard to stomach

From Professor A. S. Truswell

Sir, As a visiting professor of nutrition who has worked in Britain, and been a member of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food (Coma), I am impressed by recent progress in nutrition advice in this country — official, and in the supermarkets. Against this rather exciting background Mr Geoffrey Cannon's piece (Health, March 5) is the most negative contribution I have seen in two months back in Britain.

How does Mr Cannon know that the British diet is "the worst in the developed world"? Nutrition scientists do not have any scale for measuring the "badness" of national diets. There are developed countries with more obesity, more coronary disease, more high blood pressure, higher infant-mortality rates, more processed food. What are the signs Mr Cannon discerns that this Government would like to see more fats and sugars eaten?

What is wrong with having 58 per cent of the seats on expert nutrition committees with industry or Government links? Surely all committees that advise governments *on any subject* contain mostly a balance of members from academia, research, industry and the Civil Service. It seems obvious that a major consideration in choosing new members of Coma (the main nutrition advisory committee for the DHSS) is to cover the range of specialties required, such as paediatrics, nutrition in pregnancy, biochemistry, coronary heart disease, obesity, geriatrics, malnutrition, food science, measuring food intake.

Mr Cannon is obsessed with sugar yet the 1960s hypothesis that sugar causes coronary disease — now disproved — held back official British advice on diet and heart disease for 10 years — until the 1984 Coma report.

It is also unfair to the individuals and very misleading to your readers to write off three nutrition experts newly appointed to DHSS committees because they have had minor contacts with industry.

Yours sincerely,
STEWART TRUSWELL,
Wolfson College, Oxford.

From the Director-General of the British Nutrition Foundation

Sir, Mr Cannon's arguments in his article, "Wanted: a good food policy" (March 5) — an article in which, surprisingly, he stops short of his usual advocacy of a Ministry of Food — are based on three fundamental misconceptions.

The first is that everyone is eating too much in the way of saturated fats and sugars. This is a grossly over-simplified solution to a complex problem in which many factors unrelated to diet are involved.

Secondly, Mr Cannon apparently believes that scientists who have received financial support from industry or government are not to be trusted. Professional integrity can be judged most readily by quality of performance. In this respect the Government's advisers have an impeccable record given that life expectancy is greater than it has ever been and is increasing inexorably.

Thirdly, Mr Cannon suggests that the Government is dedicated to preserve a common agriculture policy that is opposed to the current nutrition fashion. On the contrary, the CAP, by making meat and dairy products more expensive, is actually in line with this fashion. The Government's role should be to ensure that the agricultural economy is not distorted by vested interests.

The British Nutrition Foundation, incidentally, is not connected with the Food and Drink Federation or the Food Advisory Committee as indicated by the diagram that accompanied Mr Cannon's article.

Much has been made of the confusion that exists in the minds of consumers as to the best dietary course to adopt. The best advice is eat and drink everything but not too much. If it requires a parliamentary select committee to get this message across, the BNF is all in favour.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. CONNING,
Director-General,
The British Nutrition Foundation,
15 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Hair-raising

From Miss Mary Evans

Sir, The vision conjured up by "English herb shampoo" was particularly pleasant in this Siberian weather, so I bought some.

I was brought down to earth when I read the ingredients — printed in old English script: sodium laurylether sulphate, ethylene glycol monostearate, alkyl demethyl betaine, coconut diethanolamide, sodium EDTA, sodium chloride, nipasept sodium, caramel, FD & C red no 33, ED & C yellow no 5, coconut oil, frgrance.

What price the English herb 1987?

Yours faithfully,
MARY EVANS,
The Chestnuts,
14 Station Lane, Cloughton,
Nr Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Sunken gas ship

From Dr Stephen Musgrave

Sir, Your Oslo correspondent (march 5) referred to the German cruiser Leipzig loaded with poison gas encased in concrete and scuttled by the Allies 25 miles south of Lista on the southern tip of Norway.

I was the British naval base medical officer in Kiel in 1945. Our information was that some half-million tons of poison gas of various types were to be taken out from Kiel or Emden and disposed of. In Kiel I personally watched vessels being loaded with a wide variety of shells and canisters. I did not see any encased in concrete.

The vessels were towed north to the Skagerak and scuttled in such a way that they sank horizontally, reducing the risk of a highly dangerous cargo shifting and igniting. The site for scuttling is about 40 miles south-west of Arundal, on the Norwegian coast.

A few years ago Danish fishermen caught canisters in their nets containing phosgene gas. Some of the fishermen were seriously injured. Your correspondent mentions a similar incident around the Danish Island, Bornholm, in the Baltic some 200 miles from the Skagerak site.

I do not know of any consignments of poison gas sent eastward from Kiel.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
STEPHEN MUSGRAVE,
The Boat House,
Ghyll Head,
Windermere, Cumbria.

Stinsford Church

From Mr G. H. D. Darwall

Sir, Dr Beatty's worthy plea for Stinsford Church (March 6) is weakened by his invocation of Thomas Hardy.

I for one have often stood by the Frome at Woolbridge, enjoying the mellow manor house amid its watermeadows; and inwardly cursing the morbid author of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* for instilling such a scene of English peace and beauty with unhappiness and human misery, fictional at that. One can hardly admire a Dorset view or building without the dread suspicion that it, too, may have been so hideously "immortalised" for posterity.

Hardy, in his way, desecrated more of Wessex than many developers.

Yours faithfully,
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116 Bradenstoke,
Lyneham,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.
March 7.

Budget cash plea

From Mr Timothy Raison, MP for Aylesbury (Conservative)

Sir, I would like, even at the last minute, to urge on the Chancellor of the Exchequer one measure which he could announce in his Budget speech next Tuesday. It lies more in the realm of public expenditure than of fiscal policy, but I believe that both the strengthening economic position and practical politics would make it timely. I refer to the proportion of capital receipts which local authorities are allowed to spend.

At present this stands at 20 per cent of housing receipts and 30 per cent of most other receipts. In a Parliamentary answer on Tuesday, the Chancellor told me that the scope for spending from receipts would rise by £1.5billion if the limit were raised to 40 per cent. But of course not all this would necessarily be spent.

Perhaps the actual additional spending by local authorities of this money might go up by a billion pounds. I am sure that the economy could stand it, that the jobs provided would be welcome, that real needs (for instance in tackling homelessness) would be met, and that the Government's economic strategy would be in no way impaired.

I am sure, too, that many Tory (and other) local authorities would welcome it.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY RAISON,
House of Commons.
March 11.

Church and State

From Sir Fred Catherwood

Sir, Clifford Longley's diagnosis (March 2) is correct: there is a crisis of authority in both Church and society, but he analyses it in secular and not in Christian terms.

When Luther said "*Hier stehe ich, ich kann nicht anders*", he was not appealing to individualism, let alone starting an irresistible transition to secularism. He was appealing, against both Pope and Emperor, to a higher authority, the word of God.

The Protestant position since then has been, surely, that there are three divinely ordained institutions, family, Church and State, each with their own spheres and each with their own structure of authority. The word of God does not lay down the method by which the authorities of State and Church are appointed and recognised. It lays down instead the qualities they should have — and the qualities parents should have. But it also lays down the ultimate moral responsibility of each of us before God for our actions and that no human authority has the right to order us to break God's word, which is their ultimate authority.

The problem of post-Christian society is that it does not recognise any ultimate authority except the State. That makes the one-party State totalitarian, since it has to prescribe morals as well as law and puts the democratic State into the hands of the social engineers.

The Christian Church has a different problem. All three divisions within the Church recognise the authority of God's word, of Church tradition and of the reason which God has given all of us. But in a conflict between the three sources of authority one division makes tradition the ultimate authority, one human reason and one God's word. So we speak with divided voice to a confused society.

Meantime the family, the basic grass roots organisation which keeps going in times of moral and civil chaos, is itself falling apart. The State cannot legislate effectively without the support of a widely supported moral code and a Church which is unsure of its own moral authority cannot supply it.

Fortunately, those sections of the Church which still believe in the Christian faith as a means of salvation and a guide to conduct are strong growing and there lies our hope.

Yours truly,
FRED CATHERWOOD,
United Oxford & Cambridge University Club,
71 Pall Mall, SW1.
March 2.

Market measure of the arts

From Sir Hugh Willatt

Sir, Your leader of March 7, after an interesting analysis of the Royal Opera House building project, enlarges on the way artistic enterprises are run. "Commercial awareness" and "improved self-reliance" have, it is suggested, resulted from the present Government's policies. Where is the evidence for this?

Many hundreds of artistic enterprises have been created in this country since the war, in size from Covent Garden downwards. Subsidy, small indeed by continental standards, has helped them to grow and prosper, and to operate to a high and adventurous standard. But so have their own enterprise and effort, over the whole period. Without self-reliance and commercial awareness this national achievement would have been impossible. Market conditions have always applied.

I find surprising the suggestion that Government pressure to seek sponsorship has in some way improved commercial efficiency. In my experience, both at the Arts Council and as a board member of a number of performing companies, *it does not. The chief* executive of one of our major artistic enterprises told me recently that he had to spend 80 per cent of his time in fund-raising — time needed for the running of his own exacting business. The task can't be wholly delegated to fund-raisers.

Sponsorship can be more than helpful and the effort to raise it is an obligation willingly shouldered. But it does not bring commercial awareness to people who know their own special business, learnt in the hard world of public entertainment.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH WILLATT,
4 St Peters Wharf,
Hammersmith Terrace, W6.
March 8.

From Mr Richard Masters

Sir, In your leader you say nothing about broadcasting. Why are there so few live transmissions or recordings of opera from the Royal Opera House (and for that matter from other British opera companies), when outside broadcasts of concerts and recitals are a regular feature of Radio Three?

Broadcasts of performances from Covent Garden would ensure that more people benefited from the subsidy; it would also provide fees and wider publicity for the Opera House, especially if the recordings were sold abroad.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MASTERS,
14 Wick Hollow,
Glastonbury,
Somerset.
March 8.

Tactical voting

From Mr P. H. Prior

Sir, Conservatives who voted tactically at Greenwich to return a Social Democrat did their party no good. By giving a substantial fillip to the electoral credibility of the Alliance they have rendered a signal disservice to the many Tory MPs defending their seats against a strong Alliance challenge.

By humiliating a left-wing Labour candidate they have made certain that Transport House will redouble its efforts to ensure the selection of moderates who, as Fulham showed, have a much greater chance of being elected.

If these Conservatives had wished to dabble in tactical voting they would have done better to support the Labour candidate. Not only would the Alliance have been weakened, but nothing can be better calculated to send the more timorous Alliance supporters scuttling back to the Tories than the prospect of a real threat from the hard left. As it is, Alliance leaders must be thinking that, with enemies like the Tories of Greenwich, who needs friends?

Yours faithfully,
P. H. PRIOR,
26 Heathside,
Weybridge, Surrey.

From Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes

Sir, Your correspondent (A. W. Drury, March 4) on tactical voting might reflect that it was Mr Grimond who advised Liberals, in the 1964 general election, to vote Labour in the absence of a candidate of their own party.

This "splitting of the anti-socialist vote" may well have played a significant part in the Conservative's narrow defeat.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES GOODSON-WICKES,
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37 St James's Place, SW1.
March 6.

Battering to deceive

From Mr Donald Milner

Sir, When I joined the staff of *The Times Educational Supplement* in 1950, "The Parent Paper", as it was called, occupied all but one corner of the original Printing House Square. In the remaining corner was a pub/restaurant, which was effectively an annexe of *The Times*. Thither, on my first day's work in the metropolis, I betook myself for lunch.

On inquiring what was "on", I understood the waitress to say "chopped toad". Impressed by the cosmopolitan flavour of the capital, and not wishing to advertise my provincialism, I prepared myself for an unusual variation of *cuisses de grenouilles*. What appeared, however, was a lamb chop rolled in a blanket of batter — a memorably delicious confection.

May I suggest that this is the dish which your Diarist (March 4) and the Sultan of Oman's air force are looking for in their search for an "up-market" toad-in-the-hole: the familiar delicacy, with the title rôle played by a chop instead of a sausage — ideally palatable to the lamb-eating lands of Islam, and surely well within the compass of the Omani catering corps.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD MILNER,
c/o SSAFA. Medical Centre,
First Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment,
BFPO 32, West Germany.
March 4.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 14 1932

In 1933 the Sunday Entertainments Act eased the restrictions of the old Lord's Day Observance acts on certain conditions for such entertainments as the cinema, concerts, museums and zoos

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

The question of Sunday observance is one about which there can never be unanimity. Yet there will be a larger measure of agreement about it when people realise that it has to be considered in the light of fundamental principles, and cannot rightly be settled by the whims of the moment. The institution of one day in seven set apart as a holy day and a holiday is not merely something that Puritans foisted upon an unwilling community, or that thoughtless fashion or the financial schemes of syndicates can be permitted to overturn. It is the response to a primeval need of human nature. It had existed through almost countless centuries before it was taken over by the Christian Church. It fulfilled an enduring requirement of man by providing him with one day in the week when he could have pause from labour, when he could recover and renew his individuality. And certainly those needs have not grown obsolete to-day... The purpose of the cessation of work on Sunday is that man may use at least a part of his leisure for getting into touch with GOD. The desire of amusement-purveyors to augment their incomes cannot be weighed against that need of pause, of composure, of worship. Among the chief dangers of modern life is its tendency to increase the "herd-instinct", to weaken the sense of personal life and responsibility. Sunday occupations often illustrate this herd-instinct in rather a pathetic fashion. It is impossible to compute how many people needing a day's rest prefer to box themselves in small cars and speed down the main roads in endless procession, the radiator of one car well-nigh touching the rear lamp of the next ahead. Thus they make their way to some "popular resort", for they would be unhappy if it were uncrowded, and, after a brief interval, return in like fashion — how small a proportion because they really enjoy such an outing, and how large merely because it is an accustomed way of spending Sunday! At least we may be sure that among all classes there would be more health of mind and body, more poise and happiness, fewer cases of nervous breakdown, if we could as a people regain the use of Sunday as a quiet day, a day of worship, of thought, of friendship, of harmless amusement, instead of making it a day when we rush even more madly than on the other six.

It is to the individual and unselfish application of these general principles rather than to any sumptuary laws that we must look for an improvement of Sunday observance. It is clear, for example, that the Puritan condemnation of all games on Sunday was misguided. Yet it should be no less clear that Sunday games ought to be restricted by the unwritten law of consideration for others. There is ample reason, for instance, why people of small leisure should spend a part of Sunday in playing their private games of lawn tennis or golf. On the other hand there is no reason at all why organised public matches, which offend many consciences and inevitably cause forced Sunday labour, should be fixed for this day. Even apart from the claims of religion, every good citizen must desire to maintain a difference between Sunday and the rest of the week. To obliterate its distinctive character, the risk of which is far from inconsiderable, would destroy what has always been an asset in our national life and is perhaps more greatly needed to-day than ever before. To conserve it as a time when, by whatever means, we regain our spiritual consciousness and rediscover our individual selves, to welcome it as a space for thought, and worship, and family life, and unselfish amusement — so to use Sunday will be the best means of making it, in the true sense of a noble word, a day of recreation.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 13: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Walker Wingsail Systems plc (Director, Mr John Walker) at Hamble.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

Afterwards, The Duke of Edinburgh visited HM Yacht Britannia in Devonport and was received by the Flag Officer Royal Yachts (Rear-Admiral John Garnier).

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Brian McGrath, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince Edward today attended a luncheon at the Old Bailey given by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London.

Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a dinner, given by the National Council for Carers and Their Elderly Dependants before their National Conference, at Cobden Hotel, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford) and the Chairman of the National Council (the Baroness Seear).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 13: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, visited the Regiment at Barker Barracks, Paderborn, Federal Republic of Germany today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this morning visited High Close School, Wiltshire Road, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

Dinners

Papal Knights in Great Britain
The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio was the celebrant at the annual celebration in honour of St Gregory the Great and St Sylvester at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, W1, yesterday evening. The Papal Knights held a dinner afterwards at the Café Royal. Sir Harold Hood presided and the *Pro-Nuncio, the Earl of Longford*, Sir Geoffrey Hulton, Sir Allan Davis, Sir Richard Cave, Sir Sigmund Sternberg and Mgr Rino Passigato were present.

Old Felstedian Society
The annual dinner of the Old Felstedian Society was held last night at Armoury House. The president, Mr A.H. Rodgers, presided and Professor P.C.G. Isaac was the guest of honour. Mr E.J.G. Gould, Headmaster of Felsted School, and members of the board of governors were also present.

British Orthoptic Society
Lord Oram was the host at a dinner held at the House of Commons last night to mark the golden jubilee of the British Orthoptic Society. Sir Neville Leigh, president, Lady Leigh and Mrs J. Clayton, chairman, received the guests. The guests of honour were Baroness Trumpington, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security, and Sir Stephen and *Lady Miller*.

City Livery Club
Sir John Welch, President of the City Livery Club, accompanied by Lady Welch, presided at a dinner held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, yesterday. They received the guests with Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, admiral president of the college, and Lady Fitch.

Royal College of General Practitioners
Professor Michael Drury, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, was host at the annual dinner held last night at 14 Princes Gate. Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Dr Thomas Bewley, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and Professor Denis Pereira Gray, chairman of council, were the speakers.

Old Tonbridgian Rackets and Squash Rackets Club
Mr Brian Phillips, President of the Old Tonbridgian Rackets and Squash Rackets Club, welcomed the guests at the jubilee reception and dinner held at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, yesterday. Mr Colin Cowdrey, President of the MCC, and Mr Anthony Monteuuis also spoke. The President of the Squash Rackets Association and the President of the Queen's Club were among the guests.

Flycatchers Cricket Club
Mr H.T. Bartlett, President of the Flycatchers Cricket Club, presided at a fiftieth anniversary dinner held last night at Ye Olde Cock Tavern, Fleet Street. Mr R.N. Exton, Mr S.G.G. Benson, Headmaster of Bishop's Stortford College, and Mr P.A. Bartlett also spoke.

Service dinners

The Queen's Regiment
Brigadier H.C. Millman, Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, received the guests at a dinner held last night at Law Society's Hall. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins, Commandant General of the Royal Marines, and Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Palmer, Military Secretary, were among the guests.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Territorial Army Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a ladies dinner night at Deepcut yesterday. Colonel A.M. Allkins was the host and Major G.H. Stafford presided. Major-General G.B. Berragan, Director-General of Ordnance Services, and Mrs Berragan were the principal guests.

RAF Innsworth
Mr Leonard Salthouse, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, and Mrs Salthouse were the guests of honour at a ladies guest night dinner held at RAF Innsworth yesterday. Air Vice-Marshal R.A. Mason presided and Air Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley was among those present.

Tayforth Universities OTC
The annual dinner of Stirling Detatchment, Tayforth Universities Officers Training Corps, was held last night at Stirling Castle. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel M.R. Butler, The Queen's Own Hussars, was received by the President of the Mess Committee, Miss Amanda Laurie, and the other guests included Lieutenant-Colonel G.P. Wood of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Kenneth Alexander, 65; Miss Pam Ayres, 40; Mr Michael Caine, 54; Mr John Elton, 63; Mr R.E. Eurich, 84; the Hon Alan Hare, 68; Sir Richard Hayward, 77; Sir Philip Holland, 70; Dame Margaret Kidd, QC, 87; Mr Gavin Laird, 54; Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 65; Mr John McCallum, 69; Lord Marsh, 59; Sir Eric Norris, 69; Sir Richard Parsons, 59; Dame Betty Paterson, 71; Miss Tessa Sanderson, 31; Miss Rita Tushingham, 45; Mr John Wain, 62.

TOMORROW: Mr Alexander Bernstein, 51; Sir Jack Callard, 74; Mr Cyril H. Colton, 85; Lord Constantine of Stanmore, 77; the Right Rev John Gibbs, 70; Professor John Gillingham, 71; Earl Haig, 69; Mr Nicholas Hinton, 45; Sir Leonard Knowles, 71; Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 63; Professor Joan Mitchell, 67; Sir George Pollock, QC, 86; Sir Philip Powell, CH, 66; Mr David Wall, 41.

Luncheon

London Chamber of Commerce
The Prime Minister of Thailand was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday at Plaisterers' Hall. Sir David Steel, vice-president, was host.

Julia Buckroyd

Focusing on a singular love

Lent is the time when we are urged to follow the example of Jesus by self-denial and by greater attention to communion with God, to strengthen us for everyday life and whatever trials lie ahead.

Just as we understand the quality of our relationship with God to be revealed in the quality of our relationships with our fellow human beings, so it is also revealed in the quality of our own relationship with ourselves. This perception may lead us to think again about our Lenten practices.

We are familiar with the idea that the measure of our love of God is the love of our neighbour. The New Testament message is clear: if anyone says that he loves God but hates his neighbour then that person is a liar.

Through the emphasis of incarnational theology we have also learned that our experience of human love is not just like the experience of the love of God, but indeed is our experience of the love of God. Our love of God, and God's love of us, is experienced through our relationship with other human beings.

Jesus linked not only love of God with love of neighbour, but also with love of ourselves. My duty is to love God and my neighbour as myself. Therefore our experience of the love of God is shown by the extent to which we are able to love ourselves.

The measure of our capacity to love and accept and forgive ourselves, therefore, is the measure of our capacity to love and accept and forgive our neighbour, but it is at the same time the measure of our understanding of the love, acceptance, and forgiveness of God.

Much traditional spirituality has precisely the opposite emphasis. Great weight is laid on the need to manifest the love of God by forgiving and accepting others, but no weight at all is laid on our need to forgive and accept ourselves.

Often religious people seem to exclude themselves from the very compassion that they profess God extends to eveyone, and that they attempt to extend to their neighbour. It is as though they think there is actually some virtue in hating and feeling contemptuous of themselves.

As a counsellor I work with many people who are crippled with self-loathing and an inability to value themselves. These are the unhappy and destructive consequences of their not having been sufficiently loved and valued by those early care-givers on whom we all rely for our sense of ourselves as worthwhile and lovable. Such damage is not easily or quickly repaired, and counsellors and psychotherapists spend much of their working lives trying to help such people come to a better sense of their value.

It is rather disconcerting to find among religious people who profess knowledge of God who loves us that this style of self-hatred and self-contempt is commonplace and even encouraged. It is impossible to believe that such attitudes either manifest the love of God to others, or that they show we love God. Our relationship with God is neither better nor worse than our relationship with ourselves; it is the same as our relationship to God; it is the same as our experience of God.

How then does the idea of our experience of God being manifest in our relationship with ourselves affect our ideas about Lenten observance?

Much Lenten observance has been traditionally external. What we do during Lent is done for a God out there. We have a relationship with Him from our human relationships. This is what lies behind most ideas of "giving up something" for Lent, and also behind all specifically "spiritual activities", such as extra times of prayer and more frequent attendance at church.

A second category of Lenten practice has been related to the idea of God as present in our neighbour. The better we serve our neighbour — who can be found everywhere and in every human being — the better vehicles we can become for the love of God. It is this that prompts us to good works of all kinds, and to curb those moods and behaviour which make us an offence to our fellow human beings.

But if we are to think about God as manifested in our relationship with ourselves, we must conclude that our failure to love, forgive, and accept ourselves is actually the barrier to our deepening experience of the love of God.

What I do to punish and persecute and hate myself is what separates me from God. Maybe eating, drinking, or smoking too much is my way of hating and punishing myself, and consequently I should forgive myself for what prompts me to self-destruction.

From the outside that might look like "giving up something for Lent". But I might allow myself to become a better vehicle for the love of God if I stop telling myself how unsatisfactory I am, how inadequate, how imperfect — if I say to myself that today it is all right to be me, and that I accept and forgive myself for who I am today.

The writer is Counsellor of the London Contemporary Dance School.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Johann Strauss (the elder), Vienna, 1804; Paul Ehrlich, biochemist, Strohlen, Silesia (Strezelin, Poland), 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Ulm, Germany, 1879.

DEATHS: George Wade, field marshal and road-builder, London, 1748; John Byng, admiral, executed for failing to relieve Minorca, Portsmouth, 1757; Karl Marx, London, 1883; Friedrich Klopstock, poet, Hamburg, 1803; Busby Berkeley, choreographer, California, 1976.

The *New English Bible (New Testament)* was published, 1961.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Andrew Jackson, general and seventh President of the United States 1829-37, Waxhaw, South Carolina, 1767; William Lamb, second Viscount Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, London, 1779; Lady Augusta Gregory, playwright, poet and director of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, Roxborough, co Galway, 1852; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901, Hansdorf, Germany, 1854.

DEATHS: Julius Caesar, assassinated, Rome, 44BC; Luigi Cherubini, composer, Paris, 1842; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, London, 1898; Walter Crane, illustrator, Horsham, 1915; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1952; Aristotle Onassis, shipowner, Paris, 1975.

Tomorrow's royal engagements

Prince Edward attends the finals of the 1987 All England Badminton Championships at Wembley at 11.50.

Princess Anne, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, attends the Craft Awards at Granada Studios, Manchester, at 6.45.

Princess Margaret, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends the Children's Variety Performance at the Palladium, in aid of the society, at 6.50.

Mr F.W. Ward

A thanksgiving service for the life of Frederick William Ward, Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Great Grimsby from 1959-1984 and High Steward from 1986 will be held at the Parish Church of St James, Great Grimsby on Friday, March 27, at noon.

Sale room

£40,700 for copy of a Bellotto

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A nineteenth century copy of a Bernardo Bellotto "View of Dresden" sold for £40,700 (estimate £7,000-£10,000) at Christie's yesterday. Bellotto was Canaletto's nephew and his town views are painted with the same magnificently decorative realism.

His views of Dresden and Warsaw have the added curiosity value of applying a Venetian vision to a northern scene. If the painting had been genuinely from Bellotto's hand it might have been worth *£1million at today's prices*.

It is a huge picture, measuring 42 by 70 inches, and painted with sufficient skill to have passed for a genuine *Bellotto for many years. It was* included in three major American exhibitions in the 1930s as from his hand. In 1953 A.Morassi published the *companion painting, then in* the St Louis Art Museum as a nineteenth century copy and yesterday's picture has now been downgraded as well. St *Louis disposed of their picture* at Sotheby's in New York last year for $31,000.

Yesterday's price underlines how much the wealthy are prepared to pay for pictures as pure decoration, irrespective of art historical significance. This type of buying predominated in Christie's second division Old Master sale yesterday.

An exceptionally pretty painting entitled "The Five Senses, an Elegant Company at Table" sold for £38,500 (estimatge £15,000-£30,000) and a portrait of a lady in a richly embroidered dress, catalogued as from the "Circle of *Justus Susterman*", made £17,600 (estimate £6,000-£8,000).

Sotheby's sale of fine Japanese works of art continued the buoyant trend of Christie's sale earlier in the week. The seventeenth century model of a shishi, or ferocious dog, painted in bright Kakiemon colours proved a happy surprise for its Sussex owner when it sold for £48,400 (estimate £15,000-£20,000).

The nineteenth century ivory carvings made very high prices with a brilliant seventeen-inch carving of Yama Uba with Kintoki at £20,900

Forthcoming marriages

Mr Q.R.S. Price
and Miss N.C. Meyer
The engagement is announced between Quintin, second son of Mr and Mrs R.E.S. Price, of Whitstable, Kent, and Claire, daughter of Mr G.A. Meyer, of Kensington, London, and Lady Teignmouth, of Kensington, London.

Mr T.M. Broadbent
and Miss P.E. Bidgood
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Broadbent, of Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Bidgood, of Leckhampstead, Buckingham.

Mr A.D.R. Colvin
and Miss L.A.I. Travaini
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Ian G. Colvin and of Mrs Colvin, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Lucia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Mario Travaini, of Rome.

Mr V.M.R. Dufton
and Miss C.M. Osborne
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Dufton, of South Cave, East Yorkshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.D. Osborne, of Catfoss, East Yorkshire.

Mr R.W. Muir
and Mrs C.A. Upton
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Captain W.W. Muir, Royal Navy, and of Mrs W.W. Muir, of South Harting, and Carole, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Hobbs, of Doncaster.

Mr J.G. Pickles
and Miss J.R. Barlow
The engagement is announced between Giles, only son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Pickles, of Knowle, West Midlands, and Julia, younger daughter of the late Squadron Leader Peter Barlow and Mrs E.N. Hall, of St Mary's, Jersey.

Mr N.P.C. Rae
and Miss R. Melldowney
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Rae, of Hampstead, London, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Melldowney, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr D. Roberts
and Miss J.A. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Dai, only son of Mr and Mrs G.S. Roberts, of Chilton Polden, Somerset, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Clarke, of Queen Camel, Somerset.

Dr M. Slaney
and Dr J. Pell
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr A.F. Slaney, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mrs M.M. Slaney, of Durham, and Judith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Pell, of Winchester.

Mr P.S.K. Till
and Miss J.L. Alpe
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Till, of Concord, Massachusetts, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Alpe, of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

Dr M.P. Timmerman
and Miss M.C. Watts
The engagement is announced between Michiel, only son of de Heer and Mevrouw W. Timmerman-van der Sleesen, of Tervuren, Belgium and Reeuwijk, The Netherlands, and Marilyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Watts, of Romford, Essex.

Mr W.G. Ullmann
and Miss L.M. Cook
The engagement is announced between William George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.E. *Ullmann, of Great Hallingbury*, Essex, and Lucinda Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.G. Cook, of Oundle, Peterborough.

Marriages

Dr P. Knight
and Mrs J. Simmons
The marriage took place quietly in Beaconsfield, on February 21, of Dr Peter Knight and Mrs Joanna Simmons.

Mr R.H. Pulbrook
and Miss V. Bodkin
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 7, 1987, in Romsey Abbey, of Mr Richard Henry Pulbrook, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Pulbrook, and Miss Virginia Bodkin, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bodkin.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Ida Reeve, Miss Angela Boyd and Victoria Bennett. *Mr Ronald Ingram* was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Australia and the Far East.

Memorial service

Judge D. Rowland
A memorial service for Judge Deborah Rowland was held on Thursday in the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn. The Rev Felix Boyse officiated. Sir Edward Eveleigh, President of the Bar Musical Society, also representing the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, read the lesson. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs David Rowland, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Rowland, Mr J David, Miss G J David, Mr Eliot Rowland, Mrs A H Levy.

Viscount Dilhorne, Joan Viscountess Bledisloe, Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Lord and Lady Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lady Dowding, Lady Wilberry, Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice and Lady Woolf.

Sir Denys Buckley, Lady Eveleigh, Lady (Frederic) Bennett, the Hon Mrs Ewen Montague, Helga Lady Broughton, Mr Justice Warner, Mr Justice Sheldon, Mr Justice and Lady Mervyn Davies, Mrs Justice Booth, Mr Justice Otton, Mr Justice Millett, Mr Justice Knox, Mr Justice Waterhouse, Sir Desmond Heap, Lady Mahoney, Sir Irvine Goulding, Sir William Dale, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, and Lady Layfield, Sir Raymond Walton, Lady Bean.

Judge Finlay, QC, His Honour Bernard Gillis, QC, and Mrs Gillis, His Honour Edward Clarke, QC, and Mrs Clarke, Miss G Ellis, QC, Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, Mr F H Dean, QC, Miss Monique Vines, QC, Mr G Moriarty, QC, Mr R M K Bray, QC (Recorder Hereford), Mr Robert Lazarus, QC, Mr Anthony Walton, QC, Mr Charles Potter, QC, Mr P W E Taylor, QC, and Mrs Taylor, Mr Charles Sheridan, QC, and Mrs Sheridan, Judge Paling, Judge John Edwards, Judge G Ver, Judge Paul Baker, Judge Alun Owen, Judge Mowler-Williams, Judge and Mrs Baker, His Honour F Heap.

Mr and Mrs Michael Brent, Mr Norman Rowe, Mr and Mrs G Pinker, Mr Peter Taylor, Miss Ethel Wix, Dr Russell Grant, Mr H Boggis-Rolfe, Mr Peter Thomas, Mr Rebert Lloyd-Captain Malcolm Carver, RN (under treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Mr and Mrs John Armstrong and Mr Christopher Morcom (treasurer, Bar Musical Society).

Appointments

Mrs Jean Smith to be Chairman of the North East Essex Health Authority in succession to Mr John Minter, who retired in July 1986.

Dr Anne Cardew to be headmistress of Runton Hill School, West Runton, Norfolk.

Miss Jayne Walker to be director of the Scarbrough Spa Ochestra in succession to Mr Max Jaffa.

Mr G.A. Hosker, a grade 2 (deputy secretary) at the Treasury Solicitors' Department, to join the Department of Trade and Industry as its solicitor.

Dr R.F. Coleman, on promotion to grade 2 (deputy secretary), to succeed Mr O. Roith as Chief Engineer and Scientist at the Department of Trade and Industry on June 1.

Mr Peter Guthrie to be Secretary of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.

Sherborne School for Girls

The following awards have been made:

First Scholarships: Academic: Annabel Mergeson (Sunningdale, Dorchester). Music: Victoria Skinner (Portsdone Grammar School, Dorset). Accademic and Music: Abigail Townsley (Port Regis, Shaftesbury, Dorset).

Second Scholarships: Academic: Gillian Eges (Sunningdill, Dorchester). Academic: Anne-Laure Sweeting (Winchester House, Brackley, Northamptonshire).

Exhibitions: Academic: Emma Lorimer (Port Regis, Shaftesbury, Dorset). Academic: Anna Morris (Sherborne School for Girls). Music: Isobel Gordon (Sherborne School for Girls). Music: Caroline Page (Stamford High School, Lincoln).

Moreton Hall Shropshire

The following awards have been made after the entrance and scholarship examination and *interviews at Moreton*:

Major scholarship: Emma Hunt, Moreton Hall, formerly Sirsa International School.

Minor scholarships: Camilla Bordewich, Whitford Hall, Bromsgrove; Rebecca Moore, The Buchan Junior School, Isle of Man; Sonia Parry, Moreton Hall, formerly Our Lady's Convent School, Loughborough; Alexa Sale, Moreton Hall, formerly The Continental School, Jeddah.

Runton Hill

The Governors of Runton Hill School, West Runton, Norfolk, have appointed Dr Anne Cardew, MA, PhD, as Headmistress with effect from September 1987. Mrs Cardew at present teaches history at St Leonard's, St Andrews, Fife, where she is also a house mistress.

Duke to visit Los Angeles

The Duke and Duchess of York are to fly to the United States next year to attend the Los Angeles arts festival. Dudley Moore, the actor, will be among those taking part.

OBITUARY

PROF J. A. STEERS

Mapping the coastlines

Professor J. A. Steers, geographer, died on March 11. He was 87.

There were few stretches of the country's coastline with which he was not familiar, and *The Coastline of England and Wales* (1946), is his most important and best-known book.

James Alfred Steers was born at Bedford on August 8, 1899. He was educated there at Elstow (Private) School, and at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he was among the first to read for the then newly-established geographical tripos.

A short spell of schoolmastering ended with his recall to Cambridge on election to a fellowship by his college in 1925, soon followed by his appointment as demonstrator and then lecturer in geography.

He threw himself into the administrative side of things and served successively as dean, tutor and president. In 1949 he succeeded Frank Debenham as professor of geography, and retained the post until 1966.

Steers' work was almost entirely in physical geography, and he was particularly interested in coastal phenomena. He did his early work on the coasts of East Anglia and on expeditions to the Great Barrier Reef in 1928 and 1936. There followed an expedition to coral cays in the West Indies in 1939.

Soon after the creation of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, he was appointed advisor on coastal preservation to the ministry and to the Department of Health, Scotland.

After the East Coast floods of 1953 he became a member of the departmental committee on coastal flooding. He then served with the advisory committee concerned with the improvement of sea defences and was a member of the hydraulics research board.

His coastal studies made him ever more aware of the importance of preserving wild-life and rare plants, and he joined several naturalist societies, among them the Nature Conservation Committee, the National Trust and the National Parks Commission.

Apart from his coral reef *expeditions*, he travelled extensively in Europe and in the Americas. In 1959 he was a visiting professor at the University of California, and in 1967 at the Australian National University.

The Institute of British Geographers and the Geographical Association both claimed his time, as did the council of the Royal Geographical Society, whose vice-president he was from 1959 to 1963.

Three years earlier he had received the society's Victorian Medal for his contributions to geography.

Steers was a reserved man with a distinct aversion to controversy. This led at times to his appearing brusque and off-handish - unfortunate, perhaps, because he was himself sensitive in personal relationships.

His lectures required close attention, being full of factual *information and delivered in* a quiet voice. Many a research student in the early stages of his work was told to theorize less and to get down to a complete recording of the facts and to exact measurement.

Indeed, this approach was characteristic of Steers' own work. No theories will carry his name and no students will argue on his views, but much of his work stands as a model of patient and meticulous compilation.

His other main publications are *The Unstable Earth, Map Projections, Scolt Head Island* and *The Sea Coast*.

Throughout his life he maintained a great interest in railways and had an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of British railway services. He also became a keen philatelist.

He married, in 1942, Harriet Wanklyn, who survives him with their son and daughter.

MR RONALD W. CLARK

Mr Ronald W. Clark, biographer of scientists and populariser of scientific history, died on March 9. He was 70.

Ronald William Clark was born at Wimbledon on November 2, 1916, and educated at King's College, Wimbledon.

From there he went into magazine journalism before joining the staff of British United Press, for whom he worked as a war and foreign correspondent attached to the First Canadian and Second British Armies in north west Europe. He also covered the War Crimes trials at Nuremberg.

After the war he did some freelance writing, but he was determined to make writing books his livelihood. He was a keen climber (of the scrambling kind) and a lively collector of "mountain Victoriana". These interests he put to good use in *The Early Alpine Guides* (1950), although it does follow faithfully in the steps cut by C. D. Cunningham and Captain Abney sixty years earlier in their *Pioneers of the Alps*.

There followed *The Victorian Mountaineers*, readable and accurate, though not particularly original, pen-portraits of pioneers; *Six Great Mountaineers*, intended primarily for schoolboys; and, with Edward Pyatt, *Mountaineering in Britain*, now a standard work of reference.

As the subject of his next book, *An Eccentric in the Alps*, he chose the crotchety and timorous Victorian cleric, W. A. B. Coolidge. A chronicler of Alpine history, Coolidge's chief claim to a place in it lies in his having possessed an aunt who was a pioneer among climbing ladies and a beagle bitch who was a pioneer among climbing dogs.

On occasion Clark's photography compensated for his less-than-riveting prose. But his enthusiasm for the crags continued unabated, notably in *Men, Myths and Mountains* (1974), which includes a rather bizarre form of climbing as practised by the disabled.

However, his forte was biography of the easily digestible kind. His output was prolific, his scope wide: the Huxleys, J. B. S. Haldane, Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Freud and Benjamin Franklin.

His first effort in this genre was *Tizard* (1965) - Sir Henry Tizard, scientist and government adviser during the Second World War. It paints a vivid picture of the man and also gives us an authoritative history of important aspects of the time.

In 1968 Clark published *The Huxleys*. His attitude to the family is almost maternal, and, while the book is a useful assemblage of facts about the Huxleys, it is not notable for psychological sophistication or historical sophistication. The author's enthusiasm, however, is endless.

Later that year came the magnificent *JBS: The Life and Work of JBS Haldane* - the famous biologist and militant rationalist guru. There followed, in 1973, *Einstein: The Life and Times*. It contained much fresh material, and Clark, while no physicist himself, is convincing.

Much the same can be said of his next effort: *The Life of Bertrand Russell*, whom the author had earlier met in connection with his book on the Huxleys. The fresh material in this case was Dora Russell's memoirs which provide a proper and passionate corrective to Clark's detached handling of Russell.

There was, it seemed, no end to the biographies. *The Man Who Broke Purple*, on William Friedman, the American cryptologist who broke the Japanese naval and diplomatic cipher called "purple", and a work on Thomas Edison both saw the light of day in 1977.

It is to Clark's credit that he was never dissuaded from tackling a subject simply because volumes had already been written. He forged ahead regardless.

Thus it was with *Freud: The Man and the Cause* (1980). Again blessed with having access to much new material, it is a formidable intellectual biography, open and alive to the general reader.

Indifferent health dogged his last years, but he managed all the same to complete two further works, one on Benjamin Franklin, the other on Lenin, which is due to be published later this year.

Clark was married three times, and there were no children of any marriage.

MR ERNEST PORTER

Mr Ernest Porter, who was involved in the process surrounding Indian independence, died on February 24. He was 90.

In 1915 he was commissioned in the Manchester Regiment. The next year he transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, served in the trenches in France, and was mentioned in despatches.

In 1922 he joined the Indian Civil Service. He spent most of his time in Bengal, eventually becoming secretary to the governor.

In 1942 he was appointed a CIE for his work as additional secretary to the government of Bengal.

As secretary to the government of India in the Home Department during the closing years of the Indian Empire, Porter was in a position of great responsibility during a crucial period.

He was a scholarly and modest man. He left the service in 1948.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.
Deuteronomy 6:13

BIRTHS

ASHAM - On March 7th, in Norwich, to Catherine (née Denore) and Tim, a son, George Henry Charles.

CHAPMAN FISCHER - On March 6th 1987, to Becky and Michael, a daughter, Phillipa Ursula Derrington, a sister for Edward, Elizabeth and Francesca.

COOPER - On March 12th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Christina (née Van Wyk) and James, a daughter.

DIGBY - On March 13th, at the Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong, to Susan and Henry, a daughter, Alexandra.

DOUBLEDAY - On March 11th, at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to Jane (née Palmer) and Edmund, a daughter (Nicola), a sister for Laura.

GINGE - On March 11th, at the Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Fagginetto) and David, a son, Thomas Gilles, a brother for Marina and Emily.

HINDLEY FENWICK - On March 9th 1987, at UCH, London, to Jane and Trevor, a son, James.

HOLL - On March 10th 1987, at Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Gillian (née Andrews) and David, a son Robert James, a brother for Thomas.

McCARROLL - On March 12th, to Noëlle (née Haywood) and Stephen, a son, Andrew James.

PIKE - On March 10th, to Clare and Jamie, a son, Rory.

SKINNER - On March 2nd 1987, to Jane (née Leslie MacKenzie) and Adam, a son, David.

TATTON BROWN - On March 7th, to Alexandra and Joe, a daughter, Amy Jessica.

WADSWORTH - On Friday March 6th 1987, in London to Julie (née Balmforth) and Andrew, a daughter, India Amy Catherine.

DEATHS

ACWORTH - On March 11th 1987, suddenly, Bill, aged 79. Dearly loved husband of Belta and father of Bill, Susan, Jane and Adam. Service of Thanksgiving at 12 o'clock on Saturday 21st March at All Saints, Marcham, near Abingdon.

BROWN - On March 12th 1987, peacefully at North Wales Hospital, Denbigh, aged 78 years, Kathleen Mary Brown of Beaver Grove, Betws-y-coed. Dearly beloved wife of Ronald, devoted daughter of Colin, Garth and Murray. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Betws-y-coed on Tuesday March 17th at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Meredith Jones Funeral Services, Parry Rd, Llanrwst, Gwynedd. 0492 640348.

CASTLE - On March 11th 1987, at the Middlesex Hospital, London W1, Joseph, much loved husband of Rebecca and father of Cyril, Harvey, Abbey and Brian.

CRANSTON - On March 10th, Patricia Mary Cranston MBE, late of St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, daughter of the late Colonel WJ and Mrs Cranston, very dearly loved sister and aunt. Requiem mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Deal at 11.45am on Thursday March 19th. No flowers please. Requiescat in Pace.

CUNNINGHAM - On March 11th 1987 peacefully at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Gilbert Matthew M.A. in his 100th year. Funeral service on Wednesday 18th March 1.30pm at St Bartholomew's-the-Less, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC2.

DOBSON - On March 12th, Major-General A.H.G. Dobson, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., R.A., late Royal Engineers, of Fareham, Surrey, aged 75 years. Deeply beloved husband of Nonal, very dear father of Mark, Keith, Antoinette, Henriete and dear grandfather of Paul and Iain, Karen and Gregory, and Thomas. Funeral service at Aldershot Garrison Church on Tuesday March 17th at 3.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Engineers Benevolent Fund.

HALL — On March 11th 1987, Canon Hamshrey, peacefully in Cornwall, Lately of St. Nicholas Hospital, Salisbury. Much-loved father and grandfather, friend and priest to many. Memorial service to be announced. Donations may be sent to Alzheimers Disease Society, Bank Lodget, Fulham Broadway, London SW6 or Salisbury Cathedral Spire Appeal.

HARPENDEN - On March 10th 1987, Widow of Sir Peter, Harpenden. Mother of Michael Bibbie and grandmother of Thomas and Alexandra. Cremation at Putney Vale 3.30pm Monday 16th March.

HENSCHEL - On March 10th, Arnold J., aged 94. Fine scholar, teacher, linguist, father. Gladly would he learn and gladly teach. Funeral service: Lanneth Crematorium at noon, Tuesday 17th March.

HARSHALL - On March 12th 1987, William Henry (Priest), in his 81st year. Fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. Chaplin to the community of the blessed Virgin Mary, at Bettingdean, Sussex. Dear Brother of Joan. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, Washington Street, Brighton, on Tuesday March 17th at 12.00 noon, followed by interment at St Mary's Cemetery, Palmer Road, Rottingdean. The body being received into Church on Monday 16th, of March, at 4.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief, c/o Attree & Kent Ltd (Funeral Directors), 113 Church Street, Brighton. Telephone 688228. Requiescat in Pace.

MONKEY - On March 11th 1987, at St Andrews Nursing Home, Everby, Stesford, Lincolnshire, Frank Eric in his 85th year, dearest husband of Phyll. Funeral service at St Botolph, Quarrington, Sleaford. On Tuesday March 17th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to Imperial Cancer Research. May be received by William.C.Allenby & Son, Funeral Directors, 68 Main Strag, Anwick, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. Telephone 0526 832319.

PACKARD - On March 12th, peacefully at home, Weald cottage, Mayfield, Stanley James aged 66, dearly loved husband, of Charlotte and much loved father of Andrew, Jeremy and Mark. Funeral at 2.30pm on Friday March 20th at St Dunstans, Mayfield. Flowers may be sent to Fuller and Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, Sussex. Tel: 0825 3241.

SOUTHWOOD - On March 12th, peacefully Gordon R.E. Southwood, beloved husband of Jean and father of Janet, Velursyn and Delia Fletcher. Funeral private.

SPREY - On February 27th, Samuel (formerly Mr Sidney of Dover Street Gentlemen's Hairdressers) after a long illness, aged 76. Mourned by son Lawrence and daughter-in-law Christina, 36 Albemarle Road, Bournemouth, BH3 7LZ.

STEERS - On March 10th 1987, after a short illness, James Alfred Steers CBE Emeritus Professor of Geography in the University of Cambridge, Emeritus Fellow of St Catharines College, Cambridge. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at St Botolphs Church, Cambridge, on Wednesday March 18th at 10.30 am, for family and close Cambridge friends: Family flowers only, but donations either to St Botolphs Church, Cambridge or The National Trust. There will be a Memorial service later, details will be announced.

TAYLOR - On March 11th 1987, at The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary suddenly, Robert B Taylor C.A., beloved husband of Nalda Macdonald and the late Christian Reid, dear father of Jennifer, Ann, Katharine and Paul, loved grandfather of the family. Funeral on Monday March 16th after 10am. Requiem mass at The Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. Thereafter to Mount Vernon Cemetery arriving there at 11am. Rest in Peace.

TYNER - On March 10th 1987, peacefully but unexpectedly after much suffering, born with indomitable courage, Eileen, beloved wife of the late Hugh Tyner, dearest mother of Patrick and Elizabeth and loving Granny of Benjamin and Jolyon. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Corner Abbas, on Tuesday March 17th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Woods Dorchester, Ltd. 11a Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset.

WILDY - On March 10th 1987, at Papworth Hospital, Professor Peter Wildy of Cotton Hall, Kedington, Haverhill, Suffolk. Beloved by family, friends and colleagues. Funeral Service at Hinden Parish Church on Monday 16th March at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent for the Campaign for the Prevention of Infectious Disease (C.A.M.P.O.D.) to H.J. Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge. Arrangements for a Memorial Service will be announced later.

YALE - On March 12th 1987, peacefully at home, Mary Patricia aged 62 years, beloved wife of John of Westbrook House, Little Hereford, near Ludlow, Shropshire. Funeral service will take place at The Church of St Mary, Tenbury Wells, on Tuesday March 17th, at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Worcester. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer research. Enquiries to A. Hoskins & Son, Funeral directors, Whitton, Near Ludlow, Shropshire. Telephone Ludlow 890275.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MILES - A Memorial Service for Professor H.W. Miles, late of Wye College, will be held at 3pm on Saturday March 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Aldithwaite, near Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria. Donations made payable to Professor Miles Memorial Fund, National Westminster Bank, Grange-Over-Sands.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

HAPPER Ian Maurice 14th of March 1984. Lovingly remembered today and every day. David, Ann and Julie.

KLIMI (née Hayne) - Beverly. On 15th March 1986. Loved and remembered and always thinking of you. Andy.

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MARION SKEYS- Would any person having knowledge of the present whereabouts of Marion Skey formerly of 7 Basildon Court, Devonshire Street, London W1 contact Debenham & Co., 20 Hans Road, London SW3, Solicitors, telephone 01 581 3471, reference FE.

UNIVERSITY OF BATH - The 1987 Annual Meeting of the University Convocation will be held in the Moses Academic Staff Centre, Claverton Down, Bath, at 11 am, Saturday 11th April 1987, when the Chair will be taken by the Chancellor.

PAT DESMOND (Formerly of Ottawa). Please write to: Bob (Bobby) Aldamon, 345 Barber Avenue, North Bay, Ontario. P1A 3G3, Canada.

BREAKLIGHT See Overseas Holidays Section.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 00149 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BOSUNMARK LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 22nd January 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the sum of £1,194,710 from £4,589,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Vinelott at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 23rd day of March 1987.

ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 14th day of March 1987
Evershed & Tomkinson
2/5 Warwick Court
London
Ref: PM/719
Solicitors for the above-named Company

HAMILTON-LINES LIMITED
HAMILTON LAMINATES LIMITED
HAMILTON LINES (MIDLANDS) LIMITED
VECTGLEN LIMITED
(ALL IN RECEIVERSHIP)

Pursuant to section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986, notice is hereby given that meetings of unsecured creditors of the above companies will be held at Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey on Thursday 26 March 1987 at 11.30am.

A creditor is entitled to vote only if he has sent to the joint administrative receivers not later than 12 noon on 25 March 1987 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the joint administrative receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Unsecured creditors who require a copy of the joint administrative receivers report to be sent to them should address their request to Spicer and Pegler & Partners at 112 High Street, Croydon CR0 1ND.

D.L. MORGAN
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JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

LEGAL SERVICES

IN THE ST ALBANS COUNTY COURT
No. 9 of 1987
IN BANKRUPTCY
RE: ALVIN J. BOWELL

In the Matter of a Bankruptcy Petition issued on 26th January 1987 UPON THE APPLICATION of PAUL R. SMITH, the Solicitor for the Judgment Creditor AND UPON READING the affidavit of Simon Eric Gordon of 94A Easton Street High Wycombe Buckinghamshire filed 9th day of February 1987

IT IS ORDERED that the sending of a sealed copy of the above-mentioned Bankruptcy Petition together with a sealed copy of this Order by (registered post or the recorded delivery service) addressed to Alvin J. Bowell at 108 Highfield Way Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire (and by publication in the "London Gazette" and in "The Times" newspaper of the issuing of such Bankruptcy Petition) shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the said Bankruptcy Petition on the said Alvin J. Bowell on the 8th day of completing such posting (and publication) as aforesaid.

Given under seal of the Court this 25th day of February 1987
By the Court
M.J.H. VAUGHAN, REGISTRAR

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act. 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified in each case, after which date the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

IN THE ESTATE OF MARIA GWENDOLINE HODSON deceased
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of Maria Gwendoline Hodson (nee Schlaefer) late of 127 Hatherley Court, Hatherley Grove in the County of London who died on the tenth day of July 1985 (and to whose Estate Letters of Administration were granted to) Arthur David Bowyer and Andrew Garth Pelling the Administrators therein named on the 16th day of February 1987) is required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of May 1987 after which date the Administrators will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to valid claims then notified.

DATED this third day of March 1987
Clifford-Turner
(Attn: Faith MacDonald)
Blackfriars House
19 New Bridge Street
London EC4V 6BY
Solicitors for the said Administrators

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of RICHARD ALWYN GREEN deceased late of 4 Northfield Road, New Costessey, Norfolk who died on the 26th day of December 1986 and is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to Messrs. Rogers & Norton whose address is 57 London Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1HL (Reference RW.RE/17) and to send such particulars not later than the 16th May 1987 after which date the personal representatives will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not, as respect the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.

Rogers & Norton
Solicitors for the Executors of Richard John Green Deceased
57 London Street
Norwich NR2 1HL

BRADFORD, MAURICE STANLEY of Avonmore, Barrack Lane, Aldwick, Nr.Bognor Regis, West Sussex formerly of Flat 5, No.4 Bryanston Square, London W1 died on 28th February 1987. Particulars to Easton Kinch & Bailey (ref:JA.J). Solicitors of 3 Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DX before 15th May 1987.

ARTHUR, GEORGE JAMES of 37 Rosedene Avenue, Streatham, London SW16 2LS died 13th January 1987. Particulars to Lamons, Solicitors, Wheatsheaf House, 4 Carmelite Street, London EC4Y 0BN before 29th May 1987.

ESTHERBY, EMMA of 14 Avondale Park Gardens, London W11 died on 23rd September 1986. Particulars to Bryan O'Connor & Co, Solicitors of St. Margaret's House, 18/20 Southwark Street, London EW1 1TS before 15th May 1987.

READ, JOHN CYRIL of 2 Ovington Square, London SW3 died on 16th May 1983. Particulars to Coward Chance Solicitors of Royex House, Aldermanbury Square, London EC2V 7LD before 15th May 1987.

Science report

Norway counts the cost of Chernobyl

From Tony Samstag, Nordic Correspondent, Oslo

Last year's disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power station deposited about one kilogram of radioactive caesium on Norway, according to the state radiation board.

That figure accounted for an estimated six per cent of the caesium released by the fire and explosion at the Soviet plant.

Scientists in both Norway and Sweden have completed preliminary studies of the immediate impact of Chernobyl on freshwater systems in their countries.

Further research will take years. The Norwegians, for example, have prepared an ambitious radioecology research programme in affected areas that will take a decade to complete. In many ways they have had to start from scratch because, as became uncomfortably clear in the days immediately after the accident, the nation lacked expertise in such matters.

No information about the degree and rate at which radioactive isotopes may accumulate in organisms on land and in freshwater was available at the time of the accident. Neither was there any information about the speed at which radioactivity disappears.

In addition, knowledge about methods for preventing or reducing assimilation of radioactivity in the food chain was insufficient.

Work began last May in high alpine areas, coniferous forests and watercourses. Important fish and game species were given priority in the initial studies, although as many links as possible in the food chain are to be included.

Early readings showed that radiation levels in the affected regions tended to increase with altitude and to be lower in areas enjoying damp weather from April 28, when the fallout from the Chernobyl plume reached Norway. Radioactivity in terrestrial organisms, attributable to Cs 134 and 137, is much higher than that resulting from atom bomb testing carried out in the 1960s.

Attempts to study the effects of radioactive isotopes on freshwater life are complicated by the fact that concentrations in higher organisms, such as rainbow trout, may approach a maximum more than 100 days after the contaminants are absorbed as ions by sediment, and then taken up by algae and other aquatic plants.

Botanical samples are to be collected and soil profiles taken in a variety of mountain habitats.

University news

Surrey

Appointments

Professor J.M. Smith, BSTech, MSCTech previously professor of physical technology, University of Bath, has been appointed BOC professor of chemical engineering and director of process biotechnology.

Professor L.R. Elton to a university chair in land adaptation.

Dr P. Openshaw, PhD, DSc, has been promoted to professor in microstructural science.

Dr H McKort, BA, PhD has been promoted to professor of development psychology.

Dr M N Sweeting, BSc, PhD, has been promoted to director of satellite engineering.

Dr Alan Gray, BSc, DPhys, research fellow in the department of chemistry, has been awarded a gold medal of the analytical division of the Royal Society of Chemistry for his work in developing the technique of inductively coupled plasma source mass spectrometry.

The degree of doctor of science has been awarded to Donald Wyse, a former member of the academic staff.

Grants:

Faculty of Engineering

Dr R C Mottram, £167,880 from Department of Trade and Industry for measurement of viscometer behaviour in saturated steam.

Latest wills

Air Chief Marshal Sir George Augustus Walker, of Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk, wartime bomber pilot, left estate valued at £185,761 net.

Mrs Dora Georgine Meyer, of London NW8, left estate valued at £1,092,714 net.

Mr John McKenzie, of Caterham, Surrey, Ambassador to Iceland 1970-75, left estate valued at £324,596 net.

Lady (Finlay) Gilchrist, of Ardingly, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,299,036 net.

Kira Gondos, of Chelsea, left estate valued at £987,721 net.

Services tomorrow

Second Sunday in Lent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.50 M; 11 S Euch. Five voices (Byrd). Thou knowest, Lord (Purcell). Rest ye O. Gentlemen, 3.15 E. Responses (Byrd). Mantill in E. Were ein starker. Gewappenet (Eccard); 6.30 Ev. Ecce quam bonum (Byrd). **YORK MINSTER:** 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch (ASB). Missa Cantuariensis (Moore). Canon R Mayhew, 11 M. Veni Sancte Spiritus (Jackson in G; 4 E. Samson in G. Vigilate (Byrd). Rev I Berry.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.50 Choral M. Ashfield in F. Stanford in C. Rt Rev K Woollcombe. 11.30 HC (ASB). Missa quarti toni (Grubtrax). Remember not Lord our offences (Purcell). 3.15 Choral E. Blair in B minor. I love the Lord (Harwy). Rev P Mayfield.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M. The Kanentations (Hairstow). Quo vadis? (Gombert). (Mass for 4 voices). Kimbert. 11.40 HC. 3 E. Wood in F. The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford). Rev S Charles. 5.55 Organ Recital. Simon Preston. 6.30 Ev. Rev J Wilmbridge.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Adoro Te (Palestrina). O Lord in my wrath (Gibbons). The heavenly word proceeding forth (Palestrina). Canon S Bowdden. 3 Ordinal. Canon Chesterton (Langdale). Missa O quam gloriosa (Victoria). Ave verum (Byrd). Ave Maria (Parsons). Rev Mary Tanner.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 Mass; 12, 5.30, 7 S Mass. 3, 10 Ordinal. Civitas sancti tui XVII (Praetorius). Civitas sancti tui (Byrd). Hear my prayer (Purcell); 3.30 V.

CHAPEL ROYAL: St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. Wash me thoroughly (Wesley). Canon D Lambert.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY: WC2: 11.15 S Euch. Stanford in B flat. Rev G Watkins.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL: Greenwich, SE10: 11 Choral Euch. Yea, the very thought of Thee (Balfstow). God of God (Of the world created). The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral M. Rev P B Denise: 12 HC.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP. Ave verum (Elgar). Organ Fugue in D minor (Bach). Rev F Boyce.

TOWER OF LONDON: 9.15 HC; 11 M. Benedictus (Gibbons). Short Service. The Ways of Sion do mourn (Wise). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. Hear my prayer O Lord (Purcell). Responses (Smith). Dyson in F. Remember O Lord, what is come upon us (Walmisley). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9.30 HC; 11 M, Jackson in G. Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley); 12.15 HC. Rev R Hall.

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, The Layman Plays, presentation by members of the Pace congregation.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM. Quand le perc (di Lasso). O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons). Rev G A Reddington; 6 E & B. Short Service (Byrd). When David heard that Absalom was slain (Weelkes). Rev R J Avent.

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GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Goreczki). Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Rev W M Alexander.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 11 MP; 6.30 Ev. Prof A Nye. E.

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HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 S Mass; 11 Solemn Mass, Missa brevis (Palestrina). When David heard (Weelkes). Das Sterwlied, 5-30 M. Rev J Sutton.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Confirmations. Darke in E. Bishop of London; 6.30 Choral E. Magnificat & Nunc dimittis, Wakefield. Ave Maria. Ave verum corpus (Byrd). Rev. C Lowson.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch. Chorales (Bach). Call to remembrance (Farrant). Rev J Vines. E & B.

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ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch. Short service (Tallis). Miserere (Allegri). Rev G D Watkins.

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ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Oldroyd in D. Rev D Perkin; 6 E. Short Service (Tomkins). O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons). Rev J Hesketh.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, St John's House, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Missa orbis factor (Plainsong). Mass for 4 voices (Byrd). Remember not Lord our offences (Purcell). The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev S Achard; 6.30 E. Rev J Polkinghorne.

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Letter to Avana held up

Ranks Hovis McDougall, which has had no news of whether its bid for Avana Group is to be referred to the Monopolies Commission, has delayed its promised letter to Avana shareholders.

RHM said on March 4 that it would contact Avana shareholders by yesterday, but now says it will wait until the Office of Fair Trading comes to a decision. This is thought to be some days away.

Avana shares jumped 12p to 724p on expectations that the bid would not be referred and hopes that RHM would raise its share offer, which was valued at 767p yesterday.

IC Gas bid options open

The Dutch SHV group, in a statement which still leaves it free to return with another tender offer for shares in Imperial Continental Gas Association, said yesterday that it would not act in competition with the offer made by Tractebel and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, and which closes on Monday. If the Belgian companies' offer, for 29.3 per cent also fails, SHV could then review its position, but it emphasised that it had no intention of making a full bid for IC Gas.

Profit hopes

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, has forecast a further improvement in net income after last year's increase from Fl919 million (£277 million) to Fl1.015 billion, on the basis of continued economic growth in Europe and the US and a decline in the dollar on last year's average.

Bankers fined

The chairman of Algemene Bank Nederland, Robertus Hazelhoff, and four board members, were each sentenced to a month's suspended imprisonment, with five years' probation, and fined Fr30,000 by a court at Leuven, Belgium. They were found guilty of diverting several million guilders' worth of Belgian state funds through accounting deals by a Belgian firm banking with ABN.

Agencies sold

Hoeg Robinson has acquired six Becketts estate agencies in Middlesex and South-west Hertfordshire for a maximum of £1.59 million, of which £523,000 is cash. This brings the company's estate agent network to 59 branches.

£1.8m sale

Grosvenor Square Properties has sold four acres at Terminus Terrace, Southampton, for £1.8 million for residential development. It has no planning consent.

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'I haven't done anything illegal'

Dealer denies inside trading

By Lawrence Lever

The man at the centre of the Government's inquiry into insider dealing by civil servants has claimed he was innocent but said he had no intention at present of returning to the country.

Mr Jonathan Greenwood, aged 28, a City share dealer, was speaking from Israel, where he has been since shortly after the official inquiry was announced last December.

The two Department of Trade and Industry inspectors investigating leaks of inside information from the DTI and the Office of Fair Trading have already tried unsuccessfully to interview Mr Greenwood.

In an exclusive interview with *The Times*, Mr Greenwood denied reports that he had been involved in a network, which traded on inside information about takeover bids said to have been leaked by his sister — a secretary at the OFT.

His sister worked in the mergers department at the OFT. The inspectors are investigating leaks of OFT recommendations on whether particular takeover bids should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Greenwood said that since the inquiry started his sister had been transferred from the mergers department to another department within the OFT.

"My sister did not pass me any secret information. She is innocent and so am I," he said.

"She has not been suspended officially or reprimanded. She is on full pay and goes to work whenever she feels like it."

Mr Greenwood said his sister was being made a scapegoat. "She is an easy target. The trouble is they haven't got anyone else to say, OK, we did it."

Mr Greenwood admitted dealing in the shares of companies involved in separate takeover bids where crucial MMC decisions were made.

"My solicitors have written to the inspectors and told them, yes, I did deal in shares and, yes, I did deal in particular takeover bids, but I didn't deal on the basis of inside information.

"I have done some very, very cheeky and even naughty share deals but I haven't done anything illegal."

Mr Greenwood conceded that he had dealt in three takeover deals highlighted in *The Times* on Wednesday as being under investigation by the inspectors. These were GEC's bid for Plessey, Hillsdown Holding's bid for S&W Berisford and McCorquodale's bid for Norton Opax, the security printer.

"I was only dealing in those cases on my view of the market and how the bids would go," he said. "If you saw my dealing slips you would see how many times I dealt in takeover situations."

Asked why he went to Israel, Mr Greenwood explained that his fiancée, an Israeli citizen, had been killed in a road accident last year and he was sorting out some of her affairs.

"I do intend to come back eventually but I'd like things to get a lot calmer before I return.

"I know the inspectors have been searching through my files. My solicitors have been in touch with them. I was supposed to be interviewed by them on February 10 but my solicitors told them I couldn't make it."

Mr Greenwood said he put his share deals through three stockbroking firms. The inspectors have taken records from at least one of them — the London firm of Walker Crips, Weddle Beck & Co.

He also dealt through two other London firms — Charles Stanley and Coni Gilbert & Sankey.

The Government had originally hoped to wind up the insider dealing investigation early in the New Year. However, it has been hampered by Mr Greenwood's absence and the refusal of at least two witnesses to give evidence to the inspectors. One of the witnesses has since relented.

Ordnance decision 'in weeks'

By Colin Narbrough

Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, British Aerospace and Ferranti have entered the final round of bidding for Royal Ordnance, the state armaments manufacturer, after submitting preliminary bids by yesterday's deadline.

The Ministry of Defence said the bids would be studied urgently by Rothschild, the merchant bank adviser to the Government, and Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, was expected to announce the winner in "weeks," probably in a statement to the Commons.

The aim is to transfer ownership of RO to the private sector before the general election.

Details of the offers have been kept secret. Indeed, Ferranti, the Manchester electronics group, was unwilling to say whether it was still in the race.

Market favourites to acquire RO are GKN, Britain's leading engineering group, and British Aerospace. RO's vertically-integrated arms activities are seen as marrying well with their existing businesses, which have large military elements.

Fears that the MoD will demand a "golden share" in a privatized RO have not been confirmed. Such a share, which would mean effective veto over a change of control, could have worked in BAe's favour, as the Government already has this kind of control over it.

Shareholders in the other companies could have baulked at having any such restraint attached to the RO acquisition. But MoD officials say the golden share is not the only means of ensuring that control of the arms manufacturer should not fall into undesirable hands. All the bidders recognized this.

Trafalgar House withdrew suddenly from the initial short list only last week, amid Press speculation that the RO sale was still in danger of falling flat. The reports said offers were well below the £150 to £200 million the Government had sought. A bid of "zero pounds" was even reported.

This rekindled memories of last July, when the Government was forced to cancel the proposed stock market flotation at short notice, subsequently opting for a direct sale.

RO, with assets of about £240 million, employs 17,000 people at 15 sites around the country. In 1985 it showed a profit of only £5 million on a turnover of £487 million.



Stanley Kalms: Cyclops deal a chance for Dixons to plug in to America

Writ to halt Dixons offer

By Ray Heath

An eleventh hour legal action has been launched against the Dixons retail group's bid to gain a strong presence in the United States home entertainment market.

A writ has been issued against the company in New York which seeks to prevent it registering acceptances of its $384 million (£237.47 million) tender offer for the Cyclops group which runs America's third largest specialist electrical retailer.

The action has been taken by a firm of lawyers acting on behalf of shareholders of Cyclops, which they allege had given insufficient information about its affairs to other parties. Yesterday the firm was seeking a judge to hear their case for an injunction on Dixons, whose offer closes at on Tuesday.

In London yesterday, the Dixons camp was unaware of who had instigated the action, but were confident that it would not stop it gaining control of Cyclops.

The biggest gainer from any hitch in the deal would be Cyacq, a corporation set up to bid for Cyclops. Its original unwelcome bid of $80 a share for Cyclops was topped by a $90 a share offer from Dixons which had the support of the Cyclops board.

On Thursday, Cyacq made a second tender offer of $92.50 a share, but there was no confirmation in London yesterday that it was behind the legal action.

Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman of Dixons, sees the deal with Cyclops as an opportunity to significantly strengthen Dixon's presence in America. It would give the company 119 electrical shops in 16 states and 11 do-it-yourself stores.

US growth fails to end doubts on economy

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The Reagan Administration released new figures yesterday which revealed low inflation and moderate growth in the industrial sector but failed to resolve a debate among top officials over whether the economy is on track to meet 2.7 per cent growth this year.

Mr Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the US Council of Economic Advisers, said that based on the latest employment reports and his belief that the huge trade deficit will begin to decline, growth of 2.7 per cent in the current fiscal year and 3.5 per cent in fiscal 1988 was attainable.

But Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, and other high-level officials warned that the trade deficit, which rose to a record $169 billion (£107 billion) last year, had not yet shown signs of declining.

Last month, inflation, as measured by producer prices at the wholesale level, increased a modest 0.1 per cent, down sharply from 0.6 per cent in January.

The drop reflected lower energy prices but Mr Volcker said earlier that inflation overall this year was likely to rise sharply, in a trend that would be closely watched by the Fed.

In recent weeks, the markets have been studying the economy for signs of a sharper-than-expected slowdown which could force a change in monetary policy.

The figures last month did not provide conclusive evidence. Industrial production rose 0.5 per cent in February for the fifth consecutive gain but the January rate was revised downward to only 0.1 per cent, resulting in a lower-than-expected two-month gain for the troubled manufacturing sector.

Retail sales, however, increased a strong 4.1 per cent in February, up from a revised decline of 7.4 per cent in January largely due to a boom in car sales. Exlcuding car sales, retail sales rose a healthy 1.5 per cent.



Confident: Richard Allen

Profits at Perry increase by 32%

By Colin Campbell

Perry Group, the motor dealer and estate agency, yesterday announced a 32 per cent rise in 1986 pretax profits to £4.7 million, and raised its final dividend to 4.35p a share, making 6p (4.5p) for the year. After a year in which all divisions advanced, the turnover rose from £153.2 million to £171.4 million.

The group chief executive, Mr Richard Allan, added that profits in the first quarter of the present year were already 17 per cent up, and said that he was confident that the estate agency operations would move into profit for the first time this year.

The Perry Group has been of particular interest since the New Zealand businessmen Mr Ron Brierley and Mr Bruce Judge disclosed stakes which collectively top the 20 per cent mark. Perry shares rose by 5p to 230p yesterday.

The group, with main Ford and General Motors distribution franchises, hopes to expand its dealership range this year, and is to establish another two sites for its Nationwide Crash Repair Centre, the first of which opened in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, in September 1986.

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Pound tumbles by 1.4 cents

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell back yesterday as buyers retreated ahead of Tuesday's Budget. Although the Chancellor's package is expected to be good for sterling, the markets are normally cautious about establishing new positions in this period.

The pound was also unsettled by City suggestions that the Government could be contemplating entry into the European Monetary System.

European foreign exchange dealers felt EMS entry would only be contemplated at a lower level for sterling. They were also wary of suggestions that EMS entry could be combined with a substantial cut in British interest rates.

The sterling index, which rose to 72.8 earlier in the week, closed at 71.6 yesterday, 0.7 points down on the day.

The Bank of England intervened in the markets to hold down sterling when the sterling index was above 72 and the pound was threatening to break above $1.60.

This was the first substantial intervention in the markets since the six leading industrial countries met in Paris last month and agreed to stabilize currencies. There was no suggestion, however, that other central banks joined in holding down sterling.

The pound fell by 1.4 cents against the dollar to $1.5748, and by 3.4 pfennigs to DM2.9169 against the mark.

Despite the pound's end-of-week fall, optimism remained about a possible cut in base rates after the Budget. Three-month interbank rates closed at a fraction below 10 per cent yesterday, with dealers divided on whether base rates would fall by a half or a full point.

The Bank of England is expected to proceed with half-point reductions in base rates, unless sterling shows another sharp bout of strength.

The path of European interest rates appears to be downwards. Yesterday Italy announced a cut in its official discount rate from 12 to 11.5 per cent.

Government stocks steadied yesterday after recent sharp movements. Gilts registered small gains.

There was some relief about the Bank of England's decision not to announce a tap stock yesterday afternoon.

French bank selloff

Banque du Batiment et des Travaux Publics, the French construction industry bank, is to be privatized by a public share offer between April 6 and 11. It is among a number of small banks on the government's list of 65 state-owned groups to be returned to the public sector by March 1991. BBTP said 51 per cent of its Fr80 million (£7.9 million) capital would be privately placed with institutions to form a hard core of shareholders, 10 per cent would be reserved for staff and the rest offered to the public prior to a Bourse flotation. The bank is to split each of its 800,000 shares, nominally worth Fr100, into four to bring the total to 3.2 million, each costing Fr25.

Yule Catto concedes on Barrow

By Cliff Feltham

Yule Catto, the chemicals and engineering group, last night conceded defeat in its £28 million takeover battle for Barrow Hepburn, the industrial chemicals group.

BTP, the rival bidder, has declared its offer unconditional. Together with an associate company, Stakestock, it owns or has received acceptances for 52.1 per cent.

The decisive move in the battle came when BTP announced that it had found a product capable of killing the Aids virus outside the body — boosting the value of its shares and eclipsing the terms of the Yule Catto offer.

Yesterday Yule Catto, announcing the lapsing of its offer, conceded that it had attracted acceptances of just 6.8 per cent.

The BTP offer remains open until further notice. The cash alternative has been extended until March 27.

On the basis of last night's prices, the BTP share offer was worth 86p for Barrow Hepburn shareholders against the 74p value of the offer from Yule Catto.

B&C takes 24% stake

British & Commonwealth, the financial services company headed by Mr John Gunn, is taking a 24 per cent stake in Appletree Holdings, a newly-formed food group.

The new company is being created via a merger of the USM-quoted Appletree and Hunters, a private company. Appletree Holdings is an off-the-shelf company set up by Mr David Johnson to merge the other two concerns. Mr Johnson is chairman of Appletree and a co-founder of Hunters, a crisp and snack manufacturer.

The merger will take place via an offer of one Appletree Holdings share for every share in Appletree. When the offer is unconditional, B&C will subscribe for four million new shares in the holding company at 160p each. At this price the concern will be capitalized at £26.7 million.

Dealings in the holding company's shares are due to start on April 9.

● KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines said it is negotiating to buy one-third of a B&C courier service.

Opec stands firm on agreement

Russia back in oil trade

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

London oil traders have been notified that Russia has re-entered the oil export market and has priced its high-quality Urals crude within the current Opec price range.

The price has been cut to $17.50 a barrel for delivery to contract customers into Mediterranean ports compared with the last posted price of $18.30. However, practically no Russian crude has been available at the higher price and there are signs that supplies at the new price will be very limited, with possibly only two cargoes available for delivery in the Mediterranean.

The Soviet Union has agreed to cut its exports by 7 per cent this year in order to help Opec stabilize prices following a visit to Moscow by Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the Saudi Arabian oil minister.

Supplies from Russia during the winter months were strictly rationed following problems created by freezing weather at ports and because the severe winter had increased domestic demand.

Russia is the world largest oil producer with output rising 20 million tonnes last year to 615 million tonnes.



Lukman: sent telex to important customers

Opec is now increasingly confident that it can keep its output within the quotas set in Geneva in December and that the price will stabilize at above its target of $18 a barrel beforeits next scheduled meeting in Vienna in June.

A meeting of its differential committee due in April has been postponed indefinitely because Opec feels that any meeting of its ministers could be seen by traders as a sign of disarray and would have a weakening effect on the oil price.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister, said yesterday that there was increasing confidence within the 13-nation cartel that the June 25 meeting could produce agreements to send the price higher.

Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the Opec President and the oil minister of Nigeria, has sent a telex to important customers saying that there have been attempts by sectors of the media and the oil industry to cast aspersions on Opec's ability to stick to its new agreement.

He said: "All member countries remain determined to uphold the December agreement by adhering strictly to their various quotas and official selling prices. We are in a position to re-confirm that despite misleading news in foreign media that Opec member countries as a whole produced below their total agreed quota in the month of February.

"In fact verified figures for 10 of the member countries show a short fall of some 900,000 barrels per day below the agreed level.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2265.77 (–1.57)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 21497.95 (+27.75)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2721.17 (–28.97)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 275.1 (–1.4)
Sydney: AO ..... 1636.3 (+10.40)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1711.7 (–15.30)
Brussels:
General ..... 4494.38 (+25.84)
Paris: CAC ..... 441.2 (+0.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 535.60 (–0.70)
London: FT. A ..... n/a
FT. Gilts ..... 89.87 (–0.01)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 9¹³/₃₂-9⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 9¹⁵/₃₂-9¹⁵/₃₂%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6⅝%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.62-5.61%*
30-year bonds 100¹⁰/₃₂-⁷/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5745	£: $1.5750*
£: DM2.9160	$: DM1.8525*
£: SwFr2.4436	$: SwFr1.5525*
£: FFr9.7029	$: FFr6.1645*
£: Yen239.95	$: Yen152.57*
£: Index:71.6	$: Index:104.1
ECU £n/a	SDR £0.794190

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Newarthill	325p (+25p)
British Aerospace	651p (+16p)
Hopkinsons	415p (+14p)
Vickers	487p (+19p)
Tomkinsons	425p (+28p)
Parker Knoll 'A'	591p (+14p)
Central TV	579p (+34p)
Fairline Boats	243p (+15p)
W&R Jacob	300p (+22p)
Unilever	2573p (+28p)
William Collins	509p (+64p)
Body Shop	782p (+22p)
Woolworth	825p (+20p)
Executex	175p (+27p)
Reckitts	991p (+23p)
Shell	1213p (+25p)
New England Props	55p (+29p)
Minet Holdings	270p (+14p)

FALLS:

Pleasurama	345p (–16p)
World of Leather	128p (–11p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $409.25 pm-$408.50
close $404.50-405.00 (£256.50-257.00)
New York:
Comex $403.50-404.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $17.90 bbl ($17.75).
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

VW chief dismissed after fraud claims

Volkswagen has dismissed with immediate effect the head of its foreign exchange department, Herr Burkhard Junger, and suspended several other staff members after a possible currency fraud at the company. Herr Guenther Borchert, head of the financial transfer department, and Herr Siegfried Mueller, head of the central cash and currency clearing department, were suspended as well as four other members of the foreign exchange staff. VW said the possibly fraudulent foreign currency transactions, which could cost the company DM480 million (£160 million), fell directly within the area of responsibility of Herr Borchert and Herr Mueller.

$150m issue by Hawley

Hawley Group is to issue $150 million (£92.76 million) of convertible preference shares which will be redeemable in 15 years. The coupon, due to be fixed in the next few days, will be about 6 per cent. The conversion price will be set at a premium of 20 to 22 per cent above the market price when the terms are finalized.

Blacks to buy sports chains

Blacks Leisure, the camping and leisure group, is buying two sports goods chains. It is paying £800,000 for Howard Sports, with six shops in North-west England, which should make £200,000 profits this year. £191,000 is being paid for Sullivan Sports, with three shops near Liverpool, which made £42,000 profits last year.

Paper sold for $400m

The Hearst Corporation is buying the *Houston Chronicle* from Houston Endowment for $400 million (£253 million) in one of the highest-priced newspaper acquisitions in US history. Houston Endowment is selling the paper to comply with federal tax laws requiring charitable institutions to divest themselves of profit-making subsidiaries by 1989. The *Chronicle*, with a circulation of more than 425,000, is in competition with the *Houston Post*, owned by Toronto Sun Publishing since 1983, and gives Hearst its biggest newspaper holding in Texas.

New England £1.9m call

Mr David Jackson and Mr John Hackman, who own 50.1 per cent of New England Properties, are offering 5p cash per share and 20p on loan stock for the rest. Both will be placed to keep the USM listing. The company is passing its 1986 dividend and plans to raise £1.9 million via a three-for-two issue for shares and six-for-one for loan stock.

Invergordon profits up

Despite doubled turnover following the purchase of Charles Mackialey, profits of Invergordon Distillers rose from £4.5 million to £5.2 million in the year to end December. Interest charges rose from a net £496,000 to £1.153 million, and eps fell from 15.7p to 15.51p. The final 3.75p makes a total dividend of 5.25p, against 4.75p.

Fiat to boost output

Fiat is to invest a further 50 billion lire (£24 million) in its Ternoli factory, said to be the most automated engine and transmission plant in Europe, to raise engine output from 2,400 to 2,800 a day by the end of the year. Currently the plant has to produce 2,000 small car engines daily to be profitable. It operates for 22½ hours a day, building two engines a minute for Fiat's smaller cars. About L450 billion was spent in 1984 automating the engine manufacture with 150 robots. The number of production-line workers was almost halved and the direct labour cost reduced to one third as Fiat automated 85 per cent of the assembly operations for the new one-litre engine. By May, the factory will have built its millionth Fully Integrated Robotized Engine after just 17 months production.

Balladur keeps to hard line

Paris, (Reuter) - The French finance minister, M Edouard Balladur, ruled out an easing in monetary or fiscal policy to stimulate the economy, and said there was no question of using receipts from the government's privatization progamme to provide a direct boost to investment.

His comments, in an interview published in *Le Monde*, reaffirmed the French government's determination to follow earlier policies despite a recent cut in its 1987 growth forecasts.

Receipts from the government's five-year privatization programme, expected to raise about 300 billion francs (£30.54 billion), would be used to recapitalize remaining state industries and repay national debt, currently standing at about 1,300 billion francs, he said.

Voluntary steel cuts are not enough, says EEC

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

The European Commission has called for further cuts in EEC steel production, dismissing voluntary cutbacks now under consideration by the steel industry as insufficient.

An EEC spokesman said that the steel industry is prepared to cut less than half the 24.2 million tonnes overcapacity which Commission experts say needs to be closed down. However, the Commission has signalled its readiness to meet some industry demands if voluntary cuts are realized.

The Brussels executive was responding to a report commissioned from Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm, by Eurofer, the umbrella group for the large state-owned steel companies. Eurofer asked its members and some private companies to identify potential cuts in consultation with Peat Marwick.

The report says some steelmakers might be prepared to cut production by a total of 11.535 million tonnes, although no companies or plants are named.

But Peat Marwick makes it clear that more cuts are needed, especially in the hot rolled coils and hot rolled strips sectors, where companies have tentatively identified potential cuts of 3.725 million tonnes.

The firm says the overcapacity in the hot-rolled coils sector on a European scale is the equivalent of four to five large mills.

Eurofer has made any cuts conditional on EEC help for the industry continuing beyond the present timetable for phasing out state support.

It insists that production quotas be continued until the cuts are completed, to protect unrestructured companies from free competition. Other conditions are that state help to cover the cost of plant closures must continue and strict import controls must be maintained.

In a statement to the European Parliament yesterday, Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, the EEC Commissioner responsible for steel, said the Commission would keep an open mind on the quota issue although its proposals to liberalize the long-products sector remained on the table.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices turned lower in moderately active, early trading yesterday as some arbitrage-related selling programmes and concern about the Brazilian debt weighed on the market, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3.85 points to 2,263.49 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 5.33 to 938.35.

Declining shares outpaced advancing issues by a seven-to-five margin on volume of 53 million shares.

Banks, led by CitiCorp, were mostly lower.

	Mar 12	Mar 11		Mar 12	Mar 11		Mar 12	Mar 11
AMR Cp	57½	57¾	Firestone	35½	36	Pepsico	35½	35¾
ASA	48½	48	Fst Chicago	31¾	31¾	Pfizer	73¾	75
Aetna Life	67¾	67	Fst Int Bncp	58¾	58½	Phelps Dod	31½	30¾
Allied Signal	47½	47½	Fst Penn C	10¾	10¾	Philip Mor	85¾	85
Allis Chalm	2¾	2¾	FT Wachvia	46¾	46¾	Philip Pet	14¾	14½
Alcoa	45¼	45¼	Ford Motor	81¾	82¾	Polaroid	71¾	72½
Amax Inc	19¾	18¾	GAF Cp	43¾	43¾	Proct Gble	92½	91¾
AMR Hese	30	29¾	GTE Cp	41¾	41¾	Pub Svc Eg	41¼	41¾
Am Brands	49	48¾	Gen Cp	85	85	Raytheon	77¾	78
Am Can	94½	95¾	Gn Dynam	76¾	76¾	Rynids Met	56¾	55¾
Am Cynmd	94	94	Gen Elect	106½	107	Rockwell Int	54¾	53¾
Am Ele Pwr	29¾	29¾	Gen Inst	27¾	27¾	Royal Dutch	112¼	109¾
Amex	78¼	78¾	Gen Mills	53¾	53¾	SFE Sopac	35¾	35¾
Am Home	91¾	89¾	Gen Motors	78	78¼	Sara Lee	42¾	42¾
Am Motors	4¾	4¾	Gen Pub Ut	26¼	25¾	Schlumb	37¾	38
Am Stand	47¼	47¾	Genesco	4¾	4¾	Scott Pap	79¾	79¾
Am Telph	24¼	24	Georgia Pac	50½	51	Seagram	72¾	72½
Amoco Cp	75½	74¾	Gillette	59¼	59½	Sears Roeb	52¾	52¾
Armco Steel	7¾	7¾	Goodrich	56¾	57	Shell Trans	75¾	73¾
Asarco Inc	20¼	19¾	Goodyear	53¾	54	Singer	46¾	47
Ashland Oil	66½	65¾	Gould Inc	17¾	18¼	Smithkn Bk	112¾	111¾
Atl Richfld	72¾	70¼	Grace Co	60¾	61¾	Sony Cp	21¾	21¼
Avon Prod	30¼	30¾	Grt Atl Pac	31¾	30¾	Sth Cal Eds	33¾	33¾
Bk Boston	34	33¾	Greyhnd	35¾	35½	SW Bell	115¾	116¼
Bank NY	42¾	42¾	Grumman	29¾	30	Std Oil	60¾	59¾
Bankamer	12¾	12¼	Gulf & West	81	81½	Stanl Drug	54¾	54¾
Bkrs Tst NY	47¾	46¾	Heinz	46¾	48¼	Stevens JP	41¼	40¾
Beth Steel	7¾	7¼	Hercules	60¾	58¾	Sun Comp	58¾	57¾
Boeing	52¾	53	Hewlett Pk	55¾	54¾	TRW Inc	100	97
Boise Casc	79¼	79¾	Honeywell	69½	70¼	Teledyne	335¾	339½
Borden	57¾	57¾	IC Ind	30¼	30	Temeco	48¾	48¾
Borg Warnr	41¾	41½	ITT Cp	84	84	Texaco	34¼	34½
Brist Myer	98¾	99¾	Ingersoll	78¾	79¾	Tex Eastn	35¾	35¾
BP	52¼	51½	Inland Steel	23¾	23¾	Tex Inst	165¾	167¾
Brunswick	43¾	43¾	IBM	144¼	141¾	Tex Util	34¾	34¾
Burl Ind	46¾	46¾	Int Paper	98	98¾	Textron	66	64½
Burl Nth	66¾	66¾	Irving Bk	48¾	48¼	Travelers	51½	51
CBS	158¾	158¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	89¾	91¼	UAL Inc	60¾	58¾
CPC Int	48¾	49	K Mart Cp	61¾	60	USG	41	40¾
CSX Cp	34	33¾	Kaiser Alum	16¾	16½	USX Cp	24¾	24¾
Campbell Sp	65¾	64¾	Kerr McGee	31¾	31¼	Unilever NV	256¾	258
Can Pacific	18½	17¾	Kimbl Clark	114¾	111¾	Un Carbide	28¾	27½
Caterpillar	46¾	47	Kroger	35¾	34¾	Un Pac Cp	74¾	73½
Centrl SW	34¾	34¼	LTV Cp	2¾	2¾	Unisys Cp	101¾	102
Champion	39¾	39¾	Litton	83¾	83¾	Utd Brands	46¾	47¼
Chase Man	38¾	38¾	Lockheed	51	50¾	Utd Tech	52¾	53¼
Chem NY	45¼	45¾	Lucky Str	30¾	30¾	Unocal	33	32½
Chevron	52¾	51¾	Mstn H'mver	45	44¾	Walter Jim	57¾	57¾
Chrysler	54¾	54¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Warn Lamb	74	75¼
Chicorp	52¾	52¾	Mapco	52¾	52¾	Wells Far	52	51¾
Clark Eq	25½	25	Marine Mid	51	51¼	Westng El	65¼	65
Coca Cola	47¾	48¼	Mt Merriete	47	46¾	Weyerhsr	55¾	55¾
Colgate	46¾	46¾	Masco	38	37¾	Whirlpool	39¾	39
Columb Gas	52¾	51¾	Mcdonalds	78	77¾	Woolworth	46¾	46¾
Cmb'tn Eng	38¾	39¾	McDonnell	78¾	78¼	Xerox Cp	73¾	73¼
Cmwlth Edi	36¾	35¾	Mead Cp	69	71¾	Zenith	25¾	25
Cons Edis	44¼	44½	Merck	156¾	158¾			
Cn Nat Gas	38¾	38	Mnsta Ming	124¾	124¾			
Cons Pwr	17¾	17¾	Mobil	44¾	43¾			
Cont Data	28¾	27	Monsanto	77¾	78¾			
Corning Gl	62¾	63¼	Morgan Jp	45¾	45¾			
Crane	42¾	42¾	Motorola	51¾	50¼			
Curtiss Wrt	60¾	60¾	NCR	64¾	65¾			
Data Genl	35¾	35	Nt. Indstrs	5¾	5¾			
Deere Cp	28¾	28¾	Nat Distil	63	60¾			
Delta Airl	50¾	51½	Nat Mid Ent	27¾	27¾			
Detroit Edi	17¾	17¼	Nat Semi	14¾	14¾			
Digital Eq	166¾	168¾	Norfolk Sth	96¾	96¾			
Disney	60¾	60¾	NW Bancrp	40¾	40¾			
Dow Chem	81¾	81¾	Occid Petl	31	30¾			
Dresser Ind	27	26¾	Ogden Cp	65¾	66¼			
Dupont	108¾	109	Olin Cp	46¾	46¼			
Duke Pwr	46¾	46¾	Owens Ill.	60¼	60¼			
East Kodak	74¾	75¾	PPG Ind	67¾	67¾			
Eaton Cp	82	83	Pac Gas El	24¾	24¾			
Emerson El	105	104¾	Penn Am	4¾	4¾			
Emery Air	13	13¼	Penney JC	99¾	98¾			
Exxon	83¼	82¾	Pennzoil	79¼	79¾			
Fed Dpt Sts	93¼	93¾						

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	32¼	32
Alcan Alum	49¾	48¾
Algoma Stl	11	11
Can Pacific	24¾	16¾
Cominco	17½	16¾
Con Bathrst	21½	20¾
Hawk S Can	27¾	27¾
Hud Bay M	27¾	27¾
Imasco	37¾	37½
Imperial Oil	61¾	60¾
Int Pipe	48¾	46¾
Royl Trstco	34¾	34½
Seagram	96¾	96
Shalco 'A'	23¾	22¼
Thmsn N 'A'	33	28¾
Varity Cp	3.45	3.45
WCT	15¾	15¾
Weston	38¾	38

COMPANY NEWS

● **BENSONS CRISPS:** No dividend (nil) for year to November 29. Figures in £. *Turnover 10,513,863* (11,215,597), trading profit *492,096* (*401,111*), profit before tax and extraordinary items *420,181* (204,006), eps 5.3p (2.7p).

● **LACANA:** The Toronto-based Lacana Mining Corporation has bought for Can$150 *million (£69.7 million)* the 51 per cent stake in Vancouver-based Mascot Gold Mines held by Royex Gold Mining Corporation.Royex holds a 36 per cent interest in Lacana.

● **BURGESS PRODUCTS (HOLDINGS):** The name of the company has been changed to Burgess Group. Acceptances in respect of the rights issue of 9,936,337 new ordinary shares in the company to finance the acquisition of Saia AG have been received in respect of 9,458,848 shares representing about 95.2 per cent of the shares offered.

● **NEW DARIEN OIL TRUST:** Dividend 0.7p (0.625p) for year ended January 31. Net asset value per share 75.2p (71.7p). Figures in £s. Revenue: income from investments 241,701 (194,418), interest receivable 26,149 (78,770), underwriting commission 7,412 (7,134). Profit on ordinary activities before tax 137,794 (138,601), eps 1.04p (0.92p).

● **BARHAM GROUP:** Talks with a potential offeror have been terminated as agreement could not be reached on terms which reflect the current performance and future potential of the group.

● **PARAMOUNT REALTY HOLDINGS:** The company says that in respect of the repayment of 9 per cent first mortgage debenture stock 1986/91, it will repay at par on June 30 all stock not previously repaid.

● **PERSTORP:** About 72 per cent of employees in the corporation's Swedish operations have subscribed for convertible debenture certificates. As a result, the debenture loan of SKr 110 million (£10.5 million) approved at the annual meeting was heavily oversubscribed.

● **CARR BOYD MINERALS:** Carr Boyd Minerals and Hill Minerals advise that they, together with Aztec nominees have completed the purchase for Aus$22 million of an additional 50 per cent interest in the Harbour Lights mining operation at Leonora, Western Australia, from Esso Exploration and Production Australia Inc.

● **COSTAIN GROUP:** Costain Australia has increased its consolidated net profit after tax by 80 per cent to Aus$14,903,000 (£6.28 million)for 1986 and has declared a one-for-one capitalization issue.

● **GENERAL FUNDS INVESTMENT TRUST:** The final dividend for the year to January 15 will be paid as a special interim dividend on April6.

● **J HEWITT & SON:** Final dividend 4p making 5p (2.7p) for 1986. Figures in £s. Turnover 10,762,493 (7,717,016), profit before tax 1,322,386 (642,267), tax 411,425 (207,522), eps 25.5p (11.4p).

● **CONTROL TECHNIQUES:** The chairman, Mr. Trevor Wheatley, said at the annual meeting that the acquisition of Burton Industires Inc completed since the balance sheet date of September 30 has doubled the size of the group and given it an important presence in the large US electronic market.

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
232	180	Abelscot Group	225	235	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol.	31	34	n/c
120	113	Allied Insurnce	107	117	n/c
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	43	47	n/c
68	24	Corton Beach	62	67	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	39	41	−4
41	8	Do. Warrants	22	24	−4
25	17	Publishing Holdings	24	26	+2
55	46	Thieme Holdings	50	53	+3
133	118	Unit Group	116	122	n/c

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 13/3/87 Amstrad, News International. Laing Properties, Spong, Control Securities, Babcocks, Hartwells, Laird, Hellcat Bar, Tatbex, Central & Sherwood, Astra Industries, Norbain, B Priest, Egerton, Greenbank, Bula Resources, Rotaprint, Hawley Group, Ryan International, Hobsons, Scottish Investment, Northern Engineering, PC Lilley, Appledore, Tex Holdings, W Bowden, Polly Peck, Gibbs & Dandy 'A'. Put: Wellcome. Put & Call: Rotaprint.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	90.09	90.16	90.08	90.14	662
Jun 87	90.62	90.73	90.60	90.72	4390
Sep 87	90.82	90.90	90.79	90.91	570
Dec 87	90.82	90.87	90.82	90.91	391
Mar 88	90.70	90.70	90.70	90.74	10
Jun 88	NT	—	—	90.55	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.35	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.21	0
Previous day's total open interest 25184					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 87	93.50	93.55	93.50	93.54	1358
Jun 87	93.54	93.62	93.51	93.60	3780
Sep 87	93.55	93.61	93.53	93.61	643
Dec 87	93.46	93.54	93.45	93.54	47
Mar 88	NT	—	—	93.40	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	93.22	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	93.01	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	92.80	0
Previous day's total open interest 27434					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 87	101-28	101-28	101-28	101-26	20
Jun 87	100-09	100-23	100-01	100-20	4054
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-18	0
Previous day's total open interest 3117					
Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	101-47	0
Previous day's total open interest 64					
Long Gilt					
Mar 87	122-10	122-10	121-31	122-11	258
Jun 87	121-30	122-27	121-30	122-21	26937
Sep 87	NT	—	—	122-15	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-22	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	—
Previous day's total open interest 19104					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	199.60	200.60	199.50	199.90	670
Jun 87	203.40	204.05	203.20	203.20	235
Previous day's total open interest 4954					

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Barbour Indx (215p)	348 −2
Br Airways (ita)	125 −1
Capital radio (105p)	168 +8
Dale Group (110p)	131
Forward Gp (125p)	135 −1
Geest (125p)	225
Glentree (16p)	45 +2
Gordon Russell (190p)	241 −1
Halls Homes (95p)	173 +5
Hewetson (70p)	91 +4
Hobson Pub (250p)	356 +10
Hornby (100p)	108
JSB Elec (115p)	136 +1
Johnson Fry (150p)	183
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	196 −2
Lon & Metro (145p)	215 −1
MIL (144p)	187 +1
Misys PLC (95p)	135
Mayborn (102p)	128 +5
Nobo (152p)	171 +2
Plum Ridgs (90p)	146
Prism Leisure (120p)	153 −1
RCO (95p)	101
Regina H Beauty (20p)	39 +2
Sanders Sydney (100p)	142
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	250 +4
Sinclair G S (90p)	99 +1
Thornton G W (135p)	172 −2
TSB Group (100p)	77¼ −2¼
Virgin (140p)	174½ +1½
Wand Group (97p)	127
Wilson Bowden (130p)	141 +2

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10½
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 8
Week fixed: 10⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 month 9¹¹/₁₆ / 2 month 9⁹/₁₆
3 month 9¾ / 3 month 9½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 10¹/₃₂-9¹⁵/₁₆ / 2 month 9²³/₃₂-9¹³/₃₂
3 month 9¹⁵/₃₂-9⁵/₁₆ / 6 month 9⁵/₁₆-9¹/₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 10¹⁷/₃₂ / 2 month 10¹⁷/₃₂
3 month 10⁵/₃₂ / 6 month 9¹⁵/₁₆

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 9
1 week 10⅝-10⅜ / 6 month 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝
1 month 10⅝-10⅜ / 9 month 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝
3 month 9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝ / 12 mth 9¾-9⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅝ / 7 days 10⅝
1 month 10 / 3 month 9⅝
6 month 9⅝ / 12 mth 9½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 10⅝-10⅝ / 2 month 10⅝-9¹⁵/₁₆
3 month 10-9⅝ / 6 month 9¹⁷/₁₆-9⅝
9 month 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝ / 12 mth 9¹³/₁₆-9⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 10⅝-10⅜ / 3 month 9⅝-9½
6 month 9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝ / 12 mth 9¹⁷/₁₆-9¹³/₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 6.50-6.45 / 3 month 6.45-6.40
6 month 6.45-6.40 / 12 mth 6.50-6.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6¼-5⅛	
7 days	6⅝-6	1 month	6⅛-6⅜
3 month	6⅞-6⅝	6 month	6⅞-6⅝
Deutschemark	call	4¼-3⅝	
7 days	3⅝-3⅛	1 month	3⅝-3⅜
3 month	4-3¾	6 month	4⅛-3⅝
French Franc	call	8¼-7⅝	
7 days	7¼-7⅛	1 month	7¼-7⅛
3 month	7⅛-7⅛	6 month	8⅛-7⅛
Swiss Franc	call	1¼-⅝	
7 days	1-⅝	1 month	4⅝-4½
3 month	4⅞-4⅛	6 month	4⅝-4
Yen	call	4⅝-3⅝	
7 days	4⅜-4⅛	1 month	4⅛-4⅛
3 month	4⅜-4⅛	6 month	4⅜-4⅛

BULLION

Gold:$404.50-405.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 407.00-411.00 (£258.25-260.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 97.50-98.50 (£61.75-62.50)
Platinum
$ 534.75 (£339.30)
Silver
$ 5.6000-5.6200 (£3.5500-3.5700)

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £507.5M / allotd: £100M
Bids: £97.665% / receivd: 100%
Last week: £97.59% / receivd: 100%
Avge rate: £9.2335% / last wk £9.9665%
Next week: £100M / replace £100M

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*395)	330	72	83	90	1	9	5
	360	45	57	68	4	12	15
	390	23	36	46	15	22	27
British Gas (*81)	60	22	24	28	½	1	1
	70	12	16	19½	¾	2½	3½
	80	4½	10	13	3¾	5½	7¾
British Airways (*126)	100	27	30	33	1	2½	4
	110	18	22	27	1½	5½	6
	120	9½	14	20	4	10	13
BP (*617)	700	125	145	162	3	8	15
	750	82	100	123	9	15	27
	800	41	65	87	20	30	40
Cons Gold (*629)	700	137	152	165	3	9	13
	750	90	107	122	7	17	23
	800	48	77	100	23	34	47
Courtaulds (*383)	330	59	68	80	3	6	12
	360	36	50	65	9	16	22
	390	21	27	49	23	33	37
	420	10	24	35	45	50	53
Cons Union (*327)	300	35½	47	54	7	12	16
	330	15	29	38	17	22	25
	360	7	18	26	39	45	50
Cable & Wire (*367)	325	47	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	27	—	—	9	—	—
	360	—	37	57	—	23	33
	390	9	21	40	30	39	50
GEC (*211)	200	18	29	26	3	10	11
	220	8	17	25	16	19	24
	240	3	10	16	34	36	42
ICI (*1336)	1300	78	120	142	32	50	72
	1350	45	95	115	60	72	95
	1400	32	76	95	85	102	116
	1450	14	50	75	130	140	150
Land Securities (*377)	330	50	55	65	1	4	6
	360	23	33	44	6	12	15
	390	8	16	27	19	23	29
Marks & Spen (*233)	200	36	42	47	2	3	7
	220	20	26	33	4	11	14
	240	8	14	24	14	21	24
Shell Trans (*1212)	1100	115	123	145	14	30	42
	1150	88	90	118	30	45	55
	1200	47	58	78	53	70	85
Trafalgar House (*335)	260	58	66	78	2	3	7
	300	26	43	61	4	8	12
	330	19	29	42	14	17	24
TSB (*77)	70	9	12½	14½	1	2¾	3
	80	3	5½	7¾	5	6½	7
	90	⅛	2	—	14	14	—
Woolworth (*805)	700	145	160	175	3	4	10
	750	95	120	125	8	12	20
	800	50	70	85	20	30	30

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*551)	420	133	143	150	1	2	3
	460	93	105	115	1	5	8
	500	53	73	90	1½	13	20
	550	10	40	58	10	33	40
Boots (*295)	260	17	33	37	4	13	18
	300	5	24	28	12	27	31
	330	1	13	19	38	44	50
BTR (*338)	300	42	48	60	1	7	12
	330	13	27	40	4	16	21
	360	3	14	25	24	33	38
Bass (*952)	800	160	175	200	1	5	12
	850	110	130	155	2	13	20
	900	60	95	125	3	23	36
Blue Circle (*750)	650	102	107	123	1	8	13
	700	52	73	90	2	15	23
	750	10	45	58	11	13	43
De Beers (*1078)	950	140	175	210	4	22	42
	1000	95	145	185	4	30	54
	1050	—	115	165	—	55	80
	1100	—	100	150	—	75	105
Dixons (*393)	330	65	78	88	¼	3	6
	360	35	52	60	1	9	16
	390	9	36	46	9	24	30
GKN (*328)	260	48	60	64	1	7	11
	300	28	35	42	2	15	20
	330	5	19	25	10	29	33
	360	1	9	16	35	48	52
Glaxo (*1556)	1500	70	160	200	30	65	80
	1550	35	117	170	55	90	100
	1600	16	82	145	85	110	125
	1650	6	75	125	105	135	150

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Hanson (*174)	135	39½	43½	47	½	1	2
	150	24½	29½	24½	⅝	2¾	4
	165	9	18¼	24	1	6	8
	180	1⅞	10	15	7½	12½	15
Jaguar (*371)	550	25	53	77	4	22	30
	600	1	32	50	31	58	62
	650	½	15	32	80	87	92
Sears (*140)	130	—	16½	20	—	5	6¾
	140	—	12	16½	—	10	13
	160	—	5	7¾	—	24	25½
Tesco (*489)	420	72	81	98	1	5	12
	460	32	50	72	3	15	22
	500	6	25	45	18	33	37
Thorn EMI (*610)	480	152	170	177	½	1	2
	500	112	130	137	½	2	4
	550	62	87	95	½	12	15
	600	17	57	67	6	30	35
THF (*220)	180	41	48	54	¼	2	3
	200	21	33	39	1	8	12
	220	4	20	27	5	14	18

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero (*852)	600	72	92	—	17	25	—

STOCK MARKET

Cadbury raises its defences against General Cinema

By Michael Clark

The defences are rapidly going up at Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, now that the US-owned General Cinema Corporation has been given permission to lift its stake in the company to a maximum 25 per cent.

A further £40 million was added to the group's stock market value yesterday as the price advanced 7p to 244p in thin conditions. A total of 3 million shares changed hands.

Cadbury has already decided to enlist the support of the powerful City institutions and a series of seminars with various fund managers has already been arranged for next week by its own broker, Hoare Govett. On Wednesday, the company will address a meeting in London and go up the following day to meet some of the powerful Scottish institutions in Edinburgh.

Some dealers are already converted to Cadbury's cause and claim the shares are a better investment than its big rival, Rowntree Macintosh, which unveiled figures earlier this week showing pretax profits up 6 per cent at £84 million. Rowntree hardened 1p to 501p yesterday.

Wood Mackenzie, the influential Scottish broker, is said to have taken a shine to Cadbury's and has been a big buyer of the shares recently.

The news in January that General Cinema had spent about £90 million building up a stake of 8.3 per cent in the company came as something of a shock to both the company and the market generally.

General Cinema also said it was to apply for permission to increase its stake up to 25 per cent. But Cadbury was not happy with the way General Cinema had gone about things and said it would resist any attempts at a bid. General Cinema operates America's biggest chain of cinemas and is also the country's biggest independent bottler. It boasts Coca Cola and Cadbury among its customers.

The rest of the equity market was a bit more like its old self yesterday and looking forward to Tuesday's Budget speech and the prospect of a 1 per cent cut in interest rates.

Signs that the pound was at last running out of steam on the foreign exchange encouraged by selective from American and Japanese investors boosted support for those leaders with an international flavour. There were rises in ICI 7p to £13.35, Glaxo 22p to £15.53, Jaguar 14p to 668p, British Aerospace 16p to 651p and Unilever 30p to £23.75.

Increased turnover was generated by a £100 million computerized buying and selling programme with one institution attempting to balance its index-linked portfolio. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, did the business.

Prices still closed below their best levels of the day but investors appeared to be in a confident mood when trading drew to a close last night. The FT 30 share index finished 5.9 up at 1,583.9 having been 11.8 higher earlier in the day. The wider FT-SE 100 share index ended 10.3 up at 2,000.0.

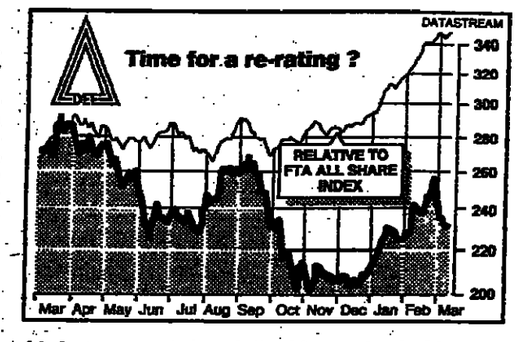
But the pound's performance prompted renewed profit taking among Government securities in the wake of this week's strong performance. Prices at the longer end of the market were £½ down at the close.

● Yule Catto has sold its entire 7.9 per cent stake in W. Canning, the chemicals group. The 1.35 million shares were placed by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, with a number of clients. Shares of Canning advanced 2p to 179p — just 3p shy of their peak — ahead of figures.

Profit taking clipped 11p at 951p from Bass, the brewer. The price has risen by around 200p in the past six weeks and according to Mr Victor MacColl, analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson, should touch £10 soon. But the denial of bid approaches lopped another 11p at 196p from HP Bulmer, the cidermaker.

In stores Boots came in for renewed support after the shakeout of the past few days stemming from several visits to the company's Nottingham headquarters. The price firmed 5p to 5p to 295p, but is still 29p down on the week.

Fears of a boardroom rift at Ward White, the Zodiac Toys, Payless DIY and Owen Owen stores group, wiped 7p from the shares at 337p, after 330p, following the resignation Mr Roger Pedder, as director in charge of the retail division. Market talk suggested Mr Pedder had resigned ater a disagreement over significant changes in group policy. But a spokesman for Ward White said that following the disposal of the retail footwear interests, Mr Pedder's job had virtually disappeared which was why the group had decided to reorganize its management team.



Selective buying lifted Woolworth 28p to 833p as about 700,000 shares changed hands. Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, was said to be a big buyer of the shares. Full year figures are expected on March 24, with the market looking for pretax profits to rise from £81 million to £106 million.

The flurry of activity in Woolworth also raised hopes that it was close to striking a deal with Underwoods, the high street chemist. Both sides have been locked in bid talks for several weeks. Underwoods advanced 12p to 259p, but Mr Nigel Whittaker, finance director at Woolworth, said: "There is nothing to say on that subject, yet."

Early attempts at a rally by Dee Corporation ended in failure with the price closing just 1p dearer at 234p. The group's £1 billion acquisition programme during the past year has provided the market with more than its fair share of Dee paper to digest.

There are also a large number of shares held by Associated British Foods as payment for the Fine Fare supermarket chain. As a result, the shares have been a dull market of late, but some marketmen are starting to take the view that the shares are due for a re-rating and are comparing them with such issues as rival Argyll, up 2p at a new peak of 415p.

● Shares of British Benzol jumped 9p to a 94p peak yesterday following a visit to its Powerscreen subsidiary on Thursday by fund managers. There has been talk of a bid from Costain and its own broker Paribas Quilter Securities reckon the shares are a "fundamental" buy up to 120p.

Morgan Grenfell Securities recently visited the company and came away impressed. Dee is expected to increase pretax profits from £80.6 million to £193 million for the current year to April, and Morgan Grenfell has upgraded its estimate for next year to £260 million. That compares with estimates from other brokers of about £240 million.

Dee is now thought to be looking for potential buyers for its Shoppers' Paradise subsidiary, which it acquired along with Fine Fare last year. Bejam, the frozen food retailer and the subject of takeover whispers itself, is tipped as one possible suitor. Bejam closed 1p cheaper at 178p.

Newman Industries, the engineer which was rescued from the brink of oblivion back in 1983, firmed 1.5p to a new high 47.5p amid reports that Friends Providents' 26.14 per cent stake was being hawked around the marketplace. There were even whispers that the 32.9 million shares had already been sold. A couple of weeks ago Mr David Abell's Suter group reduced its 6.8 per cent stake. Dealers are convinced that someone is again building up a stake up a stake.

But Mr David Dunn, finance director at Newman, said: "Nothing has been notified to the company."

Friends Provident acquired its stake along with the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, which had backed the original rescue package four years ago.

Talk of a big stake changing hands was also good for Ultramar 15p higher at 205p. IEP Securities of Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, owns a 13.2 per cent stake and has been tipped as ahikely bidder in the past. The New Zealand based Rainbow Corporation, an investment and leisure company, is also known to have built up a near 5 per cent stake.

● **FRANKFURT:** Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange closed mostly lower yesterday in what brokers termed extremely thin and listless dealings. The Commerzbank index fell 15.3 points to 1711.7.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices soared to a fourth consecutive record close yesterday despite profit-taking on very heavy volume. The Nikkei Dow Jones index of 225 selected stocks rose 27.75 points to close at 21,497.95.

● **HONGKONG:** Share prices drifted to a lower close in light trading, with the Hang Seng index dropping 28.97 points to 2,721.17.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,300	Gen Accident	961	Redland	339
Amstrad	12,000	GEC	11,000	Reckitt Colman	414
ASDA-MFI	5,000	Glaxo	3,100	Reed Int	689
Ass Br Foods	1,000	Globe IT	518	Reuters	369
BET	954	Granada	1,000	RMC Group	174
BTR	3,500	Grand Met	1,500	RTZ	1,100
BAT	2,200	GUS 'A'	518	Rowntree	2,800
Barclays	1,500	GRE	287	Royal B of Scot	1,000
Bass	793	GKN	2,100	Royal Ins	514
Beecham	717	Guinness	5,200	Saatchi	1,500
Blue Circle	1,200	Hammerson Pry 'A'	202	Sainsbury (J)	450
BOC	1,100	Hanson	12,000	Scot Newell	1,900
Boots	6,000	Hawker Siddeley	1,000	Sears	3,500
BPB Ind	744	Hillsdown	2,000	Sedgwick Gp	1,300
BPCC	3,000	Imp Chem Ind	782	Shell	6,200
Br Aerospace	3,780	Imp Cont Gas	3,200	Smith & Nephew	3,800
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	1,300	STC	1,500
Br Gas	13,000	Ladbroke	408	Stan Chart	293
Br Petroleum	6,500	Land Securities	7,100	Storehouse	834
Br Telecom	7,400	Legal & Gen	847	Sun Alliance	493
Bristl	10,00	Lloyds	1,700	Tarmac	627
Bunzl	2,100	Londno	252	TSB P/P	4,900
Burton	1,100	Marks & Spencer	13,000	Tesco	1,900
Cable & Wireless	4,200	MEPC	2,400	Thorn EMI	1,000
Cadbury Schwep	3,000	Midland	2,800	Trafalgar House	1,000
Coats Viyella	389	Nat West	2,000	Trusthouse Forte	3,900
Com Union	5,200	P & O Dfrd	717	Unigate	487
Cons Goldfields	1,800	Pearson	851	Unilever	317
Cookson Gp	145	Pilkington Bros	404	Utd Biscuits	1,000
Courtaulds	1,300	Plessey	3,700	Wellcome	5,400
Dee Corp	5,800	Prudential	361	Willis Faber	447
Dixons Gp	8,700	Racal Elect	12,000	Whitbread 'A'	1,700
English Chins	431	Rank Org	424	Woolworth	719
Fisons	185	Rank Hovis	1,300		

COMMENT

The fine distinction of offences in the City

Accusations of insider trading against Nahum Vaskevitch, the head of Merrill Lynch's London-based mergers and acquisitions operations, have sent further tremors through New York's financial district. So far though, little appears to be stirring in London. The Department of Trade is examining the facts to see if it has a prima facie case for action, which is by no means clear. The Bank of England has no direct responsibility since Merrill Lynch is not technically a bank. The Stock Exchange, which certainly does have a direct interest, is so far taking the view that this is a matter for the Securities and Exchange Commission investigators.

The SEC apparently did not consult the authorities in the London market and did not even inform them that charges were about to be made. In the Merrill case, the share trades under investigation largely involved information concerning US stocks in takeovers or mergers conducted under US securities law. The British companies involved, quite innocently, were Dee Corporation and Bass.

Yet apart from the narrow technical questions of supervisory responsibility, both the Stock Exchange and the Bank have a wider interest in matters relating to standards of conduct and day to day monitoring of share dealings in order to maintain the reputation of London as a fair place to carry on investment business.

The Governor himself made that quite clear in a recent speech in the wake of the shake-up of senior people at Morgan Grenfell following the Guinness revelations. "No-one should be in any doubt of our determination to to see that ...instances of wrong-doing are brought to light and that fully effective steps are taken to prevent their repetition."

The Governor's writ may be clear enough, but does it apply to foreign houses trading in London? His words seem to imply clearly that in serious cases of improper conduct, the buck may have to pass eventually to senior men responsible for internal surveillance of their staff. Is Merrill Lynch's London office a suitable case for such treatment as was Morgan Grenfell before the latest changes?

The answer is almost certainly No. Had Vaskevitch been an employee of a British securities house rather than a US one, the answer would also have been in the negative. There is a sharp distinction to be drawn between the misuse of information properly received by a single individual for his own personal benefit and rule breaking by those acting on behalf of a bank, securities house or other corporate body during a bid. The actions of which Vaskevitch is accused should be seen as offences against the City not as offences in the City.

Tesco war has just begun

At first sight, the £150 million bid by Tesco for Hillards appears to be over bar the shouting. Tesco has kicked off with terms that Hillards shareholders could scarcely have dreamed about. Less than two years ago, the shares were trading at 102p. Yesterday, they were riding high at 322p on a 40 per cent premium to the pre-bid price.

Yet appearances can be deceptive. There is a good deal more to this particular battle than meets the eye. First, there is Hillards' position as a strategic investment. It has 6½ per cent of the groceries market in the Yorkshire and Humberside region, a slice of trade not to be sneezed at by Tesco's major rivals or, indeed, a smaller group wishing to expand by a big leap.

Much of that market share is high quality business. About a third of Hillards' 40 stores, representing half its current selling space, are in the superstore category offering high-volume, high-margin turnover compared with smaller units in the business. It has three more stores in the 27,000 to 35,000 square foot range due to come into operation in the next year, adding perhaps a further 10 per cent to total selling space. The superstores would slot neatly into Tesco's chain and yield immediate savings on distribution costs and extra benefits from introducing Tesco's own label range.

It would take Tesco a great deal of time and expense to build up such a share of an important regional market from its present Yorkshire base, which is half the size of Hillards. There is a hefty premium to be paid for these regional and strategic benefits.

Hillards will also be playing the Office of Fair Trading card for all it is worth. There is no great case on market share grounds — the combined group would have 10 or 11 percent regionally and less than 15 per cent nationally. But Hillards will suggest that a Tesco takeover will lead to much reduced competition in some areas. An OFT clearance would have other repercussions. With Hillards in play, there would be an open season on other regional supermarket groups such as Normans, William Morrison and William Low.

Some analysts say Tesco could chop £10 million of costs from Hillards within a couple of years, which, of course, would flow straight through to the pretax line. That sum alone would account for perhaps half of the price being offered by Tesco. The battle is far from over.

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TEMPUS

New Zealand interest gives Perry a champagne sparkle

Foreign holdings in British companies — especially if they include the New Zealanders Mr Ron Brierley and Mr Bruce Judge — are always good for a price run.

Since December, they have been responsible for Perry Group shares jumping from about 120p to 225p. With New Zealand interests now slightly more than 20 per cent, it should be fun to run with the Brierley-Judge camp for a while yet.

But in its own right yesterday the Perry Group justified another rise to 230p on year-end figures showing a 32 per cent pretax profits rise to £4.7 million and the formal word that first-quarter profits in 1987 are already 17 per cent up. The final dividend rises by one-third to 4.35p a share, making 6p for the year.

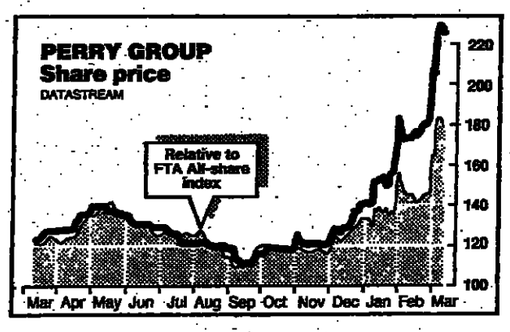
With all borrowings eliminated and the diversification into the estate agency market well established (16 offices in operation this year, and the longer-term target remaining at least 50), the mood is confident.

The basic car business — everything from the sale of new and used motor vehicles to servicing and petrol — has improved across the board, even though Perry is disappointed that profits from body paint operations were only 10 per cent up.

Profits from new car sales were 16 per cent better on an unchanged volume, but with Ford, for which Perry holds seven distribution agencies, which it hopes to increase to eight, expecting to increase its market share and with other franchise agreements in the wings, — possibly including Mercedes or Volvo, the rising profits trend should continue.

A £5.2 million surplus on the group's property revaluation helps lift net asset value to 168p a share, and the encouraging start to this financial year has seen analysts raise their profit expectations from £5 million to £5.7 million.

Perry is clearly looking for more areas of diversification now that the scent of a first-time profits contribution from its estate agency business is in the air, and plans to expand its Nationwide Crash Repair Centre.



The prospective price earnings ratio of 11.7 is hardly demanding for a group doing well in its own business, which has already caught the attention of two New Zealand operators not known for making mistakes.

Michael Peters

Full marks to Michael Peters Group, the USM quoted design, marketing and communications consultancy, for crossing the Channel to sell its services. But as the half year results demonstrated yesterday, the benefits of such excursions can be a long time coming through.

The company refers to the difficulty in somewhat esoteric terms, as profitability being restricted "by the seasonality associated with our increased involvement in overseas markets." What this boils down to is problems tying up deals during the summer when many key decision-making personnel with big European companies were unavailable.

Nevertheless, pretax profits for the six months to December 31 rose 51 per cent to £312,000. Turnover during the period rose by 38 per cent to just above £5 million. Shareholders collect an interim dividend of 1.2p a share compared with 1p.

The second half of the year promises to be a lot better. The fruits of its overseas contracts should start to flow through while at home demand is apparently at the "highest level."

Recent orders have come from the likes of Currys, Debenhams, and Dixons. There is evidence of considerable benefits flowing from the synergy between the services offered by the group. This is just as well considering the recent diversion into financial public relations is still not making any direct contribution — although it has steered work towards other areas of the group.

The shares responded to the figures with a 2p rise to 128p, which appears to take full account of full year forecasts of more than £1 million.

Sizewell

It will be some time yet before Sizewell B is up and running, and even longer before its small family of identical plants is born. But the calculators are already out running over the electrical, civil engineering and engineering shares, and a hit-list of those who stand more than a passing chance of sharing in the multi-million pound nuclear reactor programme is not that hard to define.

Fundamentally, yesterday's go-ahead announcement is good for the industries most directly involved. However, there will be spin-offs down the line as jobs are created at the rate of at least 10,000 annually during the first seven years, and possibly up to 40,000 annually for the next 10 years.

The majors to be included on any shopping list include GEC, for turbine generator hopes, Babcock International (an early, if only modest runner in yesterday's market) for lots of bits and pieces, and Whessoe, up in early dealings yesterday before easing off again.

Weir Group was strong on its pump interests, though the early favourite was clearly Hopkinsons, ahead after a Thursday rise of 8p a share.

Northern Engineering Industries (NEI) and Howden were yesterday given only passing glances on the grounds that they would have benefited had it been a coal-fired project rather than a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR), though in time something could fall their way out of the Sizewell announcement.

FKI Electricals was strong in its sector and the mechanical flavour saw BICC well up on the day.

The wider implications of Sizewell take in the civil construction groups, and here it was Newarthill, the parent company of the contracting group operated under the Sir Robert McAlpine name, which because of its earlier work in the power station field, was keenly wanted. Up from 900p overnight, it now challenges a 15-month high. Taylor Woodrow should also share in Sizewell work, and John Laing should not be forgotten.

The first stage of contracts could mean orders of aboun the £500 million mark, which will be a useful shot in the arm for many who were anxiously looking over their shoulders for an extension of their work loads. With lower world oil prices causing depressed frowns, the Sizewell news, hopefully to be complemented by the go-ahead for the project at Hinckley Point, Somerset, could put the related shares back into fashion.

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01-534 5544				
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Capital	83.7	88.5e	+0.1	2.51
Exempt Trust	520.8	551.1	+1.4	4.64
Extra Income	91.8	96.2	+0.1	2.65
Financial	257.2	282.7	+1.0	2.65
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Uny Tech Accum	59.2	63.7	+0.3	0.00
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Eastern	77.9	82.5e	+0.1	0.30
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Extra Income	22.7	24.2c	+0.3	
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First Europe	116.9	123.5	-0.9	0.80
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Amer Sedr Co Inc	65.8	69.4e		0.00
Do Accum	67.6	71.3e	+0.1	0.00
European Inc	97.3	102.7	+0.7	1.50
Do Accum	116.9	123.5	+0.9	1.39
Pond of Inv Tr Inc	24.7	26.1e	+0.3	1.76
Do Accum	31.8	33.5	+0.3	1.76
General Inc	185.1	265.5	+1.1	1.74
Do Accum	269.9	284.7	+1.4	1.74
Gtr Yield Inc	119.9	122.5		10.01
Do Accum	196.5	201.9		0.110.00
High Yield Inc	110.0	116.0c	+0.6	4.41
Do Accum	223.6	235.7	+0.2	4.41
Inc Rec Inc	121.0	127.7	+0.1	1.73
Do Accum	128.0	135.0	+0.5	1.73
Japan Inc	235.2	248.1	+1.4	0.28
Do Accum	235.6	248.5	+1.3	0.28
Japanese Spec Inc	106.5	112.4c	+1.4	0.32
Do Accum	107.1	113.0c	+1.5	0.32
N American Inc	57.9	61.1	-0.1	0.58
Do Accum	67.3	71.0	-0.1	0.58
Pacific Inc	143.5	151.4	+0.1	0.57
Do Accum	161.8	170.7	+0.1	0.57
Planned Investment	107.2	112.9	+0.7	4.17
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Do Accum	128.2	135.3	+0.8	0.79
Smaller Inc A	33.3	35.0e	-0.1	0.48
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Do Accum	85.0	51.2e		0.00
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Do Accum	48.0	51.7		0.00
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Do Income	195.4	206.7	+0.5	0.77
High Income	89.7	85.9e	+1.1	4.92
Income	93.5	98.5	+0.5	4.93
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Do Acc	142.0	151.0e	+0.7	
North American	63.6	68.1		1.29
Orient	88.3	95.0	+0.7	0.50
Exempt	280.0	297.9	+0.1	1.22
Recovery	28.7	30.5	-0.7	0.49
General	29.9	31.7	-0.7	0.49
Technology	136.5	145.1	+1.2	0.28
Europe	22.8	24.2c	+0.3	0.77
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Fellowship Inc	62.0	65.9e	-0.3	2.20
General Inc (4)	281.1	294.8	-0.4	1.74
Do Accum (4)	453.5	474.8	-0.4	1.74
Income Fund (5)	125.6	131.2		4.73
Do Accum (5)	224.5	234.3		4.73
Int Inc (2)	148.4	154.8e		0.58
Do Accum (2)	197.9	206.5e		0.58
Smaller Inc (5)	61.2	85.7e		1.51
Do Accum (5)	87.2	92.1e		1.51
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01-621 0011				
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01-588 1815				
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01-606 6662				
S & C Special Sits	82.2	85.8		0.60
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Accum		213.2457		
Deposit		100.0		10.85
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Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.5	30.9e	-0.1	9.80
Intl Inc Trst	30.3	32.0		0.00
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01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818				
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Do Accum	54.8	58.8		2.88
Income Inc	54.8	58.7	+0.2	4.19
Do Accum	54.8	58.7	+0.2	4.19
Worldwide Inc	52.9	56.0	+0.1	1.73
Do Accum	52.5	56.0	+0.1	1.73
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
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01-726 1999				
E Uro G rth & Inst	74.2	78.6	+0.7	0.65
Extra Income	207.3	219.4	-0.9	4.01
Financial	199.9	211.5e	+1.9	0.54
Sth East Asia Grth	77.7	82.3e	+0.1	1.94
Growth Investment	350.0	370.4	+0.1	2.57
Income & Growth	50.1	53.0e	+0.1	3.72
Japanese Growth	216.1	230.8	+0.9	0.69
High Amer Growth	119.6	125.2	-1.1	1.51
Intl Recovery	185.5	194.8	+0.4	1.34
Smaller Co's	262.3	286.5e	+0.4	0.62
Global Inc Tst	93.4	95.1e	+0.1	1.23
Special Sits Acc	350.6	371.3		
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04862 20033				
High Income Trust	301.9	321.2	+0.8	4.64
Growth Trust	274.5	292.3e	-0.4	2.46
American Trust	145.3	154.8	+2.4	0.65
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
UK Income	57.8	61.9e	+0.1	4.72
UK Growth Accum	54.7	58.6e	-0.8	2.41
Do Dist	54.6	58.5e	-0.8	2.41
European Growth	62.0	66.0	+0.2	1.88
Pacific Growth	61.9	65.9	+0.6	0.61
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031-226 3492				
American Fund	75.6	80.7		1.24
Capital Fund	121.1	128.6		1.22
Growth & Inc Fund	161.0	171.4e		3.65
High Dist Fund	141.4	150.5		4.48
International Fund	226.8	243.6		0.00
Pacific Fund		25.0		0.32
Resources Fund	29.3	31.2c		
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.9	33.0		
Tokyo Fund	185.6	195.5		0.50
(Ex) Amer (2)	185.8	198.0		1.92
(Ex) Japan (3)	111.5	114.6		0.17
(Ex) Pacific (4)	341.4	352.5e		0.26
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	184.0	189.1		0.16
Eurofund	26.9	28.6		1.75
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0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	88.5	91.8	+0.1	2.58
Do Accum	88.7	94.1	+0.1	2.52
UK Growth Accum	114.5	121.5	+0.2	1.89
UK High Inc Inc	86.0	91.2	+0.2	5.46
N American Accum	77.1	82.2	+0.4	0.85
Far Eastern Accum	116.9	124.7	+1.1	0.81
European Accum	88.4	94.0	+0.3	1.32
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	88.3	89.7		9.71
Do Accum	89.8	93.5	-0.1	7.72
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LS				
0708-68866				
Endurance		125.6 134.7		2.65
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester				
061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	92.2	98.1	+0.2	2.50
High Income Trust	89.1	95.8	+0.1	4.67
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.1	89.8	+0.1	9.07
Tst Of Inv Trusts	84.5	89.5e	+0.2	1.81
Special Sits Trust	95.2	101.3	+0.2	2.02
Nth Amer Trust	89.7	95.8	+0.1	0.50
Far Eastern Trust	104.9	111.5	+0.1	0.41
Intl Growth	53.8	62.5e	+0.1	1.03
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	179.0	190.4	+0.3	2.83
Do Income	153.5	163.2	+0.3	3.65
Recovery	305.1	325.6	+0.9	3.65
Higher Inc Accum	241.8	257.2	+0.7	3.68
Do Income	185.8	111.1e	-0.4	8.56
Gilts/Fixed Accum	185.8	89.4e	-0.3	8.56
Do Income	85.0	89.4e	+0.3	8.56
Nth Amer Tst Accum	178.6	189.9	+2.5	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	161.6	171.9	+1.3	0.71
Euro Tst Accum	281.2	298.1e	-1.5	2.85
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Poultney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	78.5	83.6	+0.3	0.19
Capital Fund	124.1	132.1c	-0.5	0.19
UK Income Fund	90.0	95.8c	+0.6	4.12
Far Eastern Fund	79.8	81.8		0.00
Overseas Income	75.3	80.2	+0.3	3.35
Fixed Interest	69.7	74.2		9.21
Natural Res Fund	81.2	86.5	-1.1	2.67
European Income	82.3	87.6e	-1.1	2.67
Financials Fund	64.0	67.5	+0.2	2.61
FS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENTS				
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	58.0	61.7		1.40
Do Accum	59.2	63.0		
Income Gth Inc	51.3	54.6		5.30
Do Accum	52.0	55.5		
Service Co's Inc	65.4	69.6		1.00
Do Accum	66.5	70.8		
Higher Inc	29.7	30.5		7.00
Do acc	29.7	30.5		
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rosery Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	120.8	128.6	-0.5	0.58
Amer Equity Income	35.1	37.4	-0.1	3.88
Amer Special Sits	57.8	61.5	+0.3	0.01
Australia	37.8	39.9	-0.5	2.80
European	48.9	51.8	-0.6	
European Inc	23.5	25.2		4.00
Global Conv	23.8	25.0		3.50
Far East Inc	37.8	40.1		3.07
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.1		+0.2	9.55
Growth & Income	115.9	123.4	+0.4	3.90
Japan Special Sits	48.9	52.2e	+0.5	
Japan	149.6	159.8	-0.5	
Managed Int	153.2	163.0e	+0.7	0.21
Mex Income Equity	101.9	108.5e	+0.7	4.30
Professional Gth	40.7	43.6	-0.2	1.53
South East Asia	47.0	50.0		0.01
Special Sits	219.5	233.3	-0.2	0.07
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 8AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	4398.5	465.5c		1.03
Japan Exempt	2484.7	494.2		0.60
Am Property Tst	5100.0	0.0		5.80
Property Trust	120.0	0.0		
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
2, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5AG				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	227.7	240.9	+1.5	
Do Accum	232.6	246.1	+1.5	
Amer Turnarnd Inc	225.6	238.7	+1.5	1.18
Do Accum	228.6	248.5	+1.5	1.18
Capital Tst Inc	263.6	279.2c	+0.4	1.78
Do Accum	281.5	298.0c	+0.4	1.78
Conv & Gilts Inc	101.4	107.3	-0.2	4.72
Do Accum	139.0	146.9	-0.3	4.72
European Inc	97.8	71.7	+1.3	0.81
Do Accum	101.4	107.3	+1.3	0.81
Extra Inc Tst Inc	208.2	218.1e	-0.1	3.67
Do Accum	228.4	239.5e	-0.1	3.67
Financial Accum	54.3	57.4	+0.4	1.00
Do Inc	54.3	57.4	+0.4	1.00
Income Trust	150.7	158.4	+0.1	3.57
Do Accum	161.3	170.6	+0.2	3.51
Int Growth Fd Inc	170.0	181.3	+1.4	
Do Accum	197.7	209.2	+1.4	
Japan & Gen Inc	99.6	105.3e	+0.8	
Do Accum	100.6	106.4e	+0.8	
Monthly Income Fd	180.7	191.2	+0.5	3.05
Recovery	185.0	195.7e	+0.4	1.00
Do Accum	201.8	213.5e	+0.2	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	237.2	251.8	-0.3	2.35
FP Equity Inc	388.6	424.2	-0.5	2.35
FP Fixed Int Dist	117.9	125.4	+1.4	5.73
Do Accum	139.3	148.1	+1.7	5.73
Sovereign Dist	210.5	225.2	+1.6	1.39
Do Accum	221.2	234.5	+1.6	1.39
FP North American	133.2	141.2e	-0.3	1.28
FP Pacific Basin	188.4	197.5e	+1.9	0.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	77.7	82.7	+1.6	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	128.2	134.3e	-0.1	2.30
Do Accum	182.8	194.5e	-0.2	2.30
Income Fund	118.2	125.6e	+0.5	5.46
Recovery Exempt	217.8	228.9e	+0.2	1.40
International	182.5	194.2e	-0.9	0.30
US & General	59.8	63.5	+0.3	0.10
Japan & General	230.2	245.4	+0.3	0.10
Far East & Gen	139.1	148.0	+0.4	0.10
European Fund	259.8	276.4e	-1.1	0.10
Germany Fund	89.4	97.5	-0.7	1.60
Intl Inc Fund	84.5	58.0	+0.3	4.30
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
8, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5805				
American Trust	94.0	99.6	+0.5	0.70
Australian Trust	92.8	98.4	+0.2	0.16
Britn Tst Accum	77.9	82.5e		3.64
Do Dist	67.0	71.0e	-0.9	1.54
Commodity Share	94.4	98.9	+1.0	0.31
European Trust	52.2	55.2e	+0.1	0.21
Extra Income Trust	59.6	63.1		4.57
Far Eastern Trust	143.3	151.8	+1.3	0.21
Fixed Interest Fund	23.8	25.4	+0.1	9.23
Frontier Mkts	24.0	25.2		0.48
Intl Fixed Int Tst	25.3	26.8e		9.40
Global Fund Accum	186.6	208.3	+1.3	0.41
Do Dist	165.8	185.7		0.41
Gold Share Trust	37.5	40.1		0.60
Hedged Amerian	170.6	180.7e	+1.0	4.95
High Income Trust	29.0	41.3e	+0.5	1.20
Hong Kong Trust	94.7	100.0e	+0.6	2.58
Japan Trust	140.1	148.8	+2.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	303.5	318.2	+0.1	2.93
Oil & Energy Trust	40.0	42.4e	+0.2	0.60
Special Sits Trust	129.5	136.8	+0.1	0.60
UK Start Co's Tst	97.8	103.5	+0.2	0.60
Cheltenham UK	25.0	27.3	+0.1	2.00
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	95.0	101.1	-0.3	1.04
American Growth	75.1	79.8	+0.7	2.13
American Inc	74.0	78.7e	+0.7	0.24
European Growth	228.5	242.9	+0.7	0.24
Gold & Minerals	82.7	88.7	+1.6	0.51
Japan Growth	152.1	162.6	+2.5	
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	120.3	125.0e	-0.3	9.69
Growth Equity	246.5	264.1	+1.0	1.70
Guardhill	335.3	357.3e	+5.0	2.31
N American	155.8	166.1		0.96
Pacific	352.7	300.3	+1.4	0.00
Property Share	332.4	351.9e	+1.4	0.00
Smaller Companies	353.3	378.7	-2.0	1.39
European Trust	272.5	288.5	-0.1	0.49
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-626 9333				
High Income	63.5	68.1	+0.1	5.55
N Amer Trust	121.8	129.6e	+0.5	0.00
Gilt Trust	39.7	41.1e	-0.1	3.69
St Vincent Inc	181.1	194.3e	-0.4	8.56
St Vincent Tst Gth	80.1	83.5e	+0.7	0.70
Temple Bar Sm Co's	228.2	238.6		2.86
Euro Gth Tst	47.9	50.8e		0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Raleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217816				
Hambros Britn Gth	165.2	176.3e	+0.1	1.47
Hambros N Amer	72.0	77.0	+0.3	0.64
Hambros Jap & F E	135.2	143.4	+1.4	0.42
Hambros Scandan	79.4	84.2	-0.4	0.91
Hambros European	102.9	108.8e	+0.6	0.65
Hambros Canadian	38.7	60.2	+0.8	1.06
Hambros Equity Inc	104.0	110.3	+0.1	4.26
Hambros High Inc	72.9	77.3e	+0.3	4.59
Hambros Rec Assets	71.0	75.3e	-0.1	1.89
Hambros Int Sits	61.3	65.0		0.77
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Adelaide 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 217288				
Amer Recovery Tst	116.5	124.0	+1.1	0.15
Amer Smaller Co's	58.7	62.5	+0.9	0.01
Australasian	95.0	98.6	+0.7	1.54
Capital Growth Inc	70.4	74.9e	+0.4	1.44
Do Accum	81.2	87.0e	+0.6	1.44
European	201.0	277.7	+1.4	0.62
Euro Inc Tst	47.5	50.5	+0.7	4.51
Euro Smaller Co's	108.4	115.3	+0.6	0.57
Extra Income	218.6	224.5e	+0.5	2.24
Financial Trust	185.0	197.7	+0.5	3.45
Fixed Interest Tst	54.3	57.8e	-0.1	9.05
Gilt Trust	43.7	46.5e	-0.1	9.05
Global Healthcare	88.2	93.8	+0.1	0.01
Global Inc.Aditi	64.9	69.0	+1.4	1.45
Global Resources	125.7	112.4e	+0.9	0.63
Global Tech	74.4	79.2e	+1.5	1.96
Gold	109.4	115.8	+0.6	0.57
High Income Tst	229.5	244.1e	+0.9	0.63
Hong Kong	78.1	83.1	-1.1	1.57
Income & Growth Inc	179.4	189.8	+0.3	2.86
Do Accum	353.9	376.5	+0.7	2.86
Income Assets	131.3	139.7e	+0.6	3.58
International	195.4	208.0c	+0.1	0.76
Japan Special Sits	182.9	207.2	+0.9	0.01
Japan Tst	158.1	168.0	+1.1	0.52
North American	82.2	87.9c	+1.4	1.14
Pacific Smaller Co's	48.5	51.2e	-0.1	0.59
Prof & Gth	135.7	144.4e	-0.2	2.15
Recovery Tst	37.8	40.2e	-0.5	1.64
Singapore & Malay	151.7	161.4	+2.5	4.23
Smaller Co's Div	171.8	182.4e	+1.5	0.89
Special Sits Inc	242.0	257.4e	+2.3	0.89
Do Accum	451.9	480.2		1.89
Worldwide	122.2	134.9e	+1.1	1.42
Euro Exempt	1284.0	1364.0	+0.6	0.01
Global Tech Exempt

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1	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
2	Vaux	Breweries	
3	Allied Irish	Banks, Discount	
4	Lex	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Taylor Woodrow	Building, Roads	
6	Grampian	Cinemas, TV	
7	Banro	Industrials A-D	
8	Thorn EMI (as)	Electricals	
9	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
10	Int Thomson	Newspapers	
11	Empire Stores	Drapery, Stores	
12	Delta	Industrials A-D	
13	Evode	Chemicals, Plas	
14	Sharpe & Fisher	Building, Roads	
15	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery, Stores	
16	Fisher (Albert)	Foods	
17	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
18	Barratt Devs	Building, Roads	
19	Fosseo-Minsep	Chemicals, Plas	
20	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
21	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building, Roads	
22	Daejan	Property	
23	Sunnic Clothes	Drapery, Stores	
24	Sylfone	Industrials S-Z	
25	Union	Banks, Discount	
26	Etam	Drapery, Stores	
27	Int Signal & Control	Electricals	
28	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
29	SNIA BPD	Chemicals, Plas	
30	Kode	Electricals	
31	Carless Capel	Oil, Gas	
32	Howard Shut	Building, Roads	
33	Provident	Banks, Discount	
34	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
35	Hardenger	Property	
36	MK Elect	Electricals	
37	Coats Viyella (as)	Drapery, Stores	
38	BAT (as)	Tobacco	
39	GKN (as)	Industrials E-K	
40	Ranger	Oil, Gas	
41	BPCC (as)	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
43	Bradford	Property	
44	Wills Gp	Industrials S-Z	

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

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TRUSTEE STATUS: The Trust is authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and is classified as a wider range investment under the Trustee Investment Act, 1961.

THE TRUST: In common with other non-Swiss investors, the Trust invests primarily in the Bearer and Parcopating Certificate Equity Securities of Swiss Companies and avoids investment in Registered Equity Securities, because these are not generally made available other than to the Swiss themselves. The Managers consider that their freedom of choice in portfolio management is not materially constrained thereby.

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MANAGERS AND REGISTRAR: Providence Capitol Fund Managers Limited, Providence House, 30 Uxbridge Road, London W12 8PG. Telephone: 01-749 9111 Telex: 934227

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To: Providence Capitol Fund Managers Limited
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PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FUND MANAGERS LIMITED

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Return at tax rates 29%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Deposit A/c:						
Barclays	4.50	3.49	2.54	1 min	7 day	01-626 1567
Lloyds	4.60	3.56	2.59	1 min	7 day	01-626 1500
National Westminster	4.50	3.49	2.54	1 min	7 day	01-726 1000
Midland	4.50	3.49	2.54	1 min	7 day	01-260 8000
TSB	4.50	3.49	2.54	1 min	7 day	01-600 6000
National Girobank[1]	5.00	3.87	2.82	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	7.00	5.42	3.94	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.63	5.14	3.74	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.38	4.94	3.59	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
Midland	6.21	4.81	3.50	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
"	5.95	4.61	3.35	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-260 8000
"	5.77	4.47	3.25	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c[2]	6.00	4.65	3.38	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Income	7.66	5.93	4.32	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Bank Of Scotland	7.17	5.55	4.04	2,500 min	—	01-628 8060
Barclays High Rate Deposit	7.13	5.52	4.02	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.63	5.91	4.30	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	7.57	5.86	4.26	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Market Plus	7.65	5.93	4.31	2,000 min	—	01-581 1422
Henderson Money Mkt Cheq A/c	7.17	5.55	4.04	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Interest Deposit	7.90	6.12	4.45	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds HICA	7.70	5.96	4.34	2,500 min	—	01-626 1500
M&G HICA	7.51	5.82	4.23	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	7.10	5.50	4.00	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.30	5.65	4.11	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	7.63	5.91	4.30	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.75	6.00	4.37	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	8.04	6.23	5.53	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	8.13	6.30	4.58	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	7.50	5.81	4.23	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Call	7.20	5.58	4.06	500-1,000 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	7.48	5.80	4.22	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	7.66	5.93	4.32	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley Call	8.08	6.26	4.55	1,000 min	—	01-236 0952
Tullet & Riley 7-day	8.23	6.38	4.64	2,500 min	7 day	01-236 0952
Tyndall Call	7.83	6.07	4.41	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	7.75	6.00	4.37	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	7.94	6.15	4.47	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.33	5.68	4.13	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS[4]						
Investment A/c*	8.34	6.46	4.70	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.68	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Yearly Plan†	8.84	8.84	8.84	20-200 a mth	14 day	0385 64900
General Extension Rate†	8.70	8.70	8.70			
Retail Prices Index - January	394.5	394.5	394.5			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.56	6.21	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.61	6.30	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.65	6.36	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.69	6.42	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Canterbury Life[4]	8.50	6.58	4.79	1,000 min	5 yrs	0227 457375
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS						
Leicester	7.10	5.50	4.00	500 min	1 yr	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	2 yrs	01-638 6361
Manchester	7.85	6.08	4.42	500 min	3 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	4 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	5 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-638 6361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	10.01	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.36	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.15	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	3.02	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.32	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.88	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ according to type of bond and above rates should be taken as a general guide only ‡32nd Issue National Savings Certificate was withdrawn on March 10

Research: Deborah Benn (01-822 9082)

KEY RATES

Retail Price Index (Jan '86 to Jan '87)
+3.9

Mortgage rate
12.25%

Bank base rate
11%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
26.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
5%

Building society ordinary account
6%

High-interest cheque account*
8.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish pesetas	196
French franc	9.36
Greek drachma	203
Italian lira	2000

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	10.50%
BCCI	10.50%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat. Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
Citibank NA	10.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

Prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
601, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	10.98	11.57	+0.01	
Bear	12.39	12.91	+0.01	
Ox	14.32	15.09	-0.03	
Bull	13.48	14.19	-0.07	
Stag	13.33	14.04	-0.08	
Gilt Edged	11.64		+0.11	
Deposit	10.03			

Pensions

Squirrel	11.98	12.59	+0.02	
Bear	13.91	14.85	+0.02	
Ox	15.84	17.92	-0.04	
Bull	15.40	16.22	-0.10	
Stag	15.32	16.13	-0.13	
Gilt Edged	12.0		+0.1	
Deposit	10.36		+0.01	
Eastop Apx Mixed	161.5	164.8	-0.5	

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	205.5	216.4	+0.3	
Do Accum	288.7	301.8	+0.3	
Equity Fund Income	123.5	130.1	-1.1	
Do Accum	134.1	141.2	-1.1	
Selective Fund	268.1	282.3	-1.3	
Money Fund	252.2	237.1	+0.3	
Prop Fd Ser 4	228.1	238.1	+0.3	
Equity Ser 4	133.4	140.5	+0.5	
Man Ser 4	384.3	404.8	+0.5	
Conv Ser 4	209.0	219.7	+0.5	
Money Ser 4	222.0	233.7	+0.3	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	190.8	200.9	+0.1	
American Ser 4	291.5	296.4	+0.5	
High Inc Ser 4	242.6	255.5	+0.4	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	242.6	255.5	+0.4	
Japan Ser 4	245.8	258.8	+0.7	

ALBANY LIFE
3, Dames Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

Equity Fd Acc	825.9	868.3		
European Fd Accum	208.8	219.5	+1.5	
Fixed Int Acc	314.1	331.4	+0.4	
Gild Money Fd Acc	256.7	217.5	+1.2	
Ind Man Fd Acc	348.9	367.2	+1.5	
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	191.7	201.6	+1.1	
Japan Fund	273.9	288.2	+1.5	
Pen American Fd Acc	178.8	187.9	+1.1	
Prop Fd Acc	212.4	223.5	+0.6	
Multiple Inv Acc	570.9	600.5	+2	

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28291

Fixed Int Dep Accum	228.3	240.4	+0.3	
Equity Accum	746.3	785.6	+1.4	
Property Accum	324.9	341.1	+1.1	
Far East Accum	168.6	177.7	+1.6	
Managed Capital Dep Accum	349.6	381.0	+1.4	
Overseas Accum	570.9	600.6	+2.6	
Gilt Edged Accum	466.7	514.5	+0.3	
Amer Equity Accum	333.6	414.4	+3.8	
Amer Man Accum	164.1	193.8		
Amer Prop Accum	122.2	128.7	+2	

BALTIC ASSURANCE
26-35 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	288.7	304.9	+0.88	
Managed Income	138.6	145.9	+1.49	
International	206.7	217.9	+1.4	
High Income	181.9	202.0	+1.80	
Income & Growth	248.4	261.4	+1.23	
Basic Resource	115.7	121.7	-0.03	
American	210.5	221.5	-1.32	
Far Eastern	389.4	416.2	+4.57	
Smaller Co's	222.3	234.9	+1.57	

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	514.1	541.2	+4.0	
Do Initial	445.6	469.1	+3.4	
Gilt Edged Accum	222.8	234.4	+2.6	
Do Initial	194.7	205.0	+2.3	
International Accum	288.8	301.9	+2.5	
Do Initial	248.1	259.3	+2.1	
Managed Accum	307.5	355.3	+1.9	
Do Initial	283.7	298.2	+1.6	
Money Accum	178.9	188.4		
Do Initial	151.0	159.0		
Property Accum	208.4	219.4		
Do Initial	178.7	188.2		
America Accum	194.9	205.2	+2.5	
Do Initial	134.1	141.4	+2.1	
Australia Accum	185.7	195.6	+2.5	
Do Initial	165.3	174.1	+2.1	
Financial Accum	222.3	244.8	+2.6	
Do Initial	208.3	219.2	+2.5	
500 Accum	208.3	219.2	+3.2	
Do Initial	231.1	243.3	+2.8	
Japan &Gen Acc 2	267.4	276.3	+1.6	
Do Initial 2	309.6	325.9	+1.4	
Income Accum	288.6	303.8	+1.5	
Do Initial	249.0	262.0	+1.3	
Leisure Accum	176.5	185.9	+2.9	
Special Sits Accum	149.7	154.5	+0.8	
Low Tech Accum	117.8	124.0	-0.1	
Do Initial	106.5	112.2	-0.1	

BLACK HORSE LIFE
34/6, High St, Chesham
0494 405161

Black Horse Man Fd	430.19		+1.27	
Managed Inv Fund	282.5	297.4	+0.34	
Property Fund	196.1	196.9	+0.30	
Fixed Interest Fund	196.6	206.1	+0.53	
Cash Fund	171.0	180.1	+0.24	
Income Fund	402.6	423.8	+0.98	
Extra Income Fund	367.1	386.9	+3.11	
Worldwide Growth Fd	362.3	381.4	+3.73	
Managed Fund	360.3	379.3	+0.76	
Smlr Co's & Re Fd	465.8	490.3	+11.56	
Int Technology Fund	348.5	367.9	-0.29	
N Amer & Gen Fund	268.3	282.7	+0.88	
Energy Int Fund	117.3	123.4	+1.69	
Pacific Basin Fund	276.0	290.8	+3.51	

BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
Bnatch Nesoenal Life House Ferrycourt Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3TP
0444 414111

Managed	227.1	239.1		
Property	188.3	203.2		
Equity	288.2	301.3		
International	268.5	280.5		
Fixed Interest	149.6	157.4		
Deposit	124.9	131.5		
New Technology	178.3	187.8		

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
P Bar 51102				
Equity Growth	172.7			
Managed	193.5	208.7	-0.1	
Property	128.6	135.4	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	119.0	125.3	+0.1	
Index-Linked	120.2	126.6	+0.1	
Cash	218.5	231.2	-0.9	
Money Market	140.3	147.7	+0.1	
Midland Bk UT	203.5	220.6	-1.9	
Midland Bk Int	234.1	246.5		

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	231.77		-1.30	
Property Units	222.99		+0.01	
Sel Bd Exec Unit	137.05	40.05	-0.03	
2nd Equity Accum	379.2	401.9	-5.9	
2nd High Inc/Accum	329.0	348.1	-0.5	
2nd Property Accum	217.8	229.3		
2nd Managed 2 Acc	95.2	101.8	-0.9	
2nd Managed Acc	95.2	101.8	-0.9	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	98.6	104.9		
2nd Deposit Accum	178.5	188.7	+1.5	
2nd Gilt Accum	191.2	202.4	+1.6	
2nd Fixed Int Accum	227.2	239.5	+1.6	
2nd Ind Money Ac	193.6	204.9	+2.4	
2nd Index Accum	116.7	123.5	+1.1	
2nd Far East Accum	209.5	221.8	+4.4	
2nd Global Accum	105.8	112.1	+1.2	
2nd Euro Accum	105.8	112.0	+1.5	
2nd Japan Accum	111.1	117.8	+1.6	
2nd Japan Pens Ac	115.7	122.4	+1.6	
2nd Heritage Acc	98.5	104.2		

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 59D, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-666101

Property Fund	128.8	137.2		
Money Fund	231.3	243.5		
Managed Fund	254.8	267.2	+0.5	
Equity Fund	307.4	323.6	+0.5	
Fixed Interest Fund	156.7	165.0	+1.5	
Far East Fund	135.1	147.5	+0.8	
50th Anniv Fund	139.4	146.7	+0.8	
Nat Resources Fund	168.9	178.7		
SUN Reg Fund	153.5	161.6	+0.9	
PBR Fund	137.5	144.8		

CLERICAL MEDICAL/PROVIDENT INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

Mixed	154.5	162.7	+0.6	
Equity	167.3	177.2	+1.0	
Property	114.1	120.2	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	120.7	127.1	+0.1	
Indexed Secs	104.1	109.6	+0.4	
Cash	110.2	116.1	+0.1	
Nth American	122.4	128.9	+1.6	
Far East Acc	144.4	152.0	+1.4	
International	130.5	144.8	+1.6	
Special Sits	172.8	181.9	+0.6	
Int Income	163.6	172.3	+2.2	
European	155.4	163.6	+1.9	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	157.5	165.8	-0.4	
Equity	173.5	182.7	-1.1	
Property	117.9	124.2		
Gilt & Fixed Int	130.1	137.0	+0.4	
Index Linked	119.8	126.2	+0.1	
Cash	132.8	139.8	+1.4	
Nth American	166.6	177.7	+1.4	
Far East Acc	197.1	208.5	+2.6	
International Acc	155.4	164.8	+1.2	
Special Sits	205.2	216.1	+1.2	
European Flex	189.2	199.7	-2.2	
Cash	119.2	116.1	+0.1	
Nth American	122.4	128.9	-1.6	
Far East	144.4	152.0	+2.5	
International	137.5	144.8	+0.1	
Special Sits	172.8	181.9	+0.6	
Int Income	163.6	172.3	+2.2	
American Inc	124.8	131.2	+1.6	
European	155.4	163.6	-1.9	

COLONIAL MUTUAL
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9833

Cap Life Key	174.09		+0.43	
Cap Life Pacemaker	218.57		+11.43	
Cap Life Cash	125.0	131.8		
Cap Life Equity	152.7	161.2		
Cap Life Fixed Int	176.8	186.5		
Cap Life Managed	233.1	246.4		
Cap Life Property	205.5	233.5		
CMLife Cash Dep	121.5	127.9		
CMLife Cash Inv	135.5	142.7		
CMLife Equity Dep	466.9	353.1		
CMLife Equity Inv	554.4	583.6		
CMLife Fixed Dep	203.2	214.4		
CMLife Fixed Inv	227.5	239.2		
CMLife Index Dep	127.8	134.4		
CMLife Index Inv	142.4	149.8		
CMLife Man Dep	304.5	320.3		
CMLife Man Inv	358.5	377.3		

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

Var Ann Accum (S)	335.37			
Var Ann (S)	83.09			
Prime- Managed	268.6	279.3	+0.9	
Prime- UK Equity	298.9	311.8	+0.5	
Prime- Int Equity	214.5	223.9	+0.4	
Prime- Property	127.9	133.7		
Prime- Fixed Interest	150.8	158.8	+1.6	
Prime- Index-Linked	105.9	111.5	-0.1	
Prime- Cash	125.0	131.8	+0.1	

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

Managed Fund	688.0	701.9	+7.4	
Equity Fund	662.1	688.5	+21.7	
PIP Fund	635.419			

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5023

Life Managed Acc	264.3	283.4	+0.4	
Life Fixed Int Accum	241.3	253.9	+1.3	
Life Equity Accum	455.6	479.5	-1.8	
Life Money Accum	182.9	192.5	+0.2	
Life Inv Trust Accum	471.8	496.4	+2.1	
Life Int Accum	282.0	293.1	+2.3	
Life High Inc Accum	420.4	442.5	+3.9	
Life Property Accum	186.2	195.9	+0.1	
Crown Snr Inv A	306.0			
Crown Snr Inv B	558.7	588.1		
Brown Equity	205.2	216.0		
DBS Managed	243.0	255.7		
Growth Accum	243.0	255.7	+0.7	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42434				
Managed perf	108.8	114.5	-0.8	
Performance Plus	107.3	113.5	-1.4	
Min Profit Perf	98.2	103.9	+0.1	
UK Opportunity	116.5	122.3	-1.4	
Euro Opportunity	110.0	116.4	-2.2	
North Amer Opp	105.7	111.9	-0.7	
Far East Opp	105.1	109.1	-1.6	
Gth Prop Series 1	144.8	152.4		
Gth Prop Series 2	96.7	104.4	+1.2	
Fixed Int	102.7	108.7	+0.1	
Cash	98.4	104.1	+0.1	
Managed Pens	316.1	317.0		

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

Secure Fund	105.1	110.7	+0.1	
Blue Chip Fund	142.7	152.3		
Adventurous Fund	159.0	169.5	+0.3	
Performance Fund	167.2	176.9	+0.2	

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2
01-588 1212

Eagle/Midland Units	189.8	199.7	+0.5	3.75

EQUITY & LAW
Aeschelm Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

UK Equities Fund	503.4	529.8	+2.7	
Higher Income Fund	498.2	519.6	+2.5	
Property Fund	187.0	201.0		
Fixed Interest Fund	156.8	165.3	+1.6	
Property Fund	224.3	236.3		
Gresham Frandington				
American & General Income	293.4	309.2	-1.1	
International Growth	337.7	345.3	+1.6	
Capital Fund	469.1	496.1	-0.7	
Recovery Fund	531.9	548.7	+2.5	
Japan & General	168.8	178.7		

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 336242

Managed (Mixed)	171.9	181.0	-0.1	
UK Equity	206.6	217.5	+0.1	
Stewardship	196.3	206.7	+0.5	
Overseas Equity	179.7	189.1	+0.5	
North American	98.2	103.4	+0.7	
Pacific Basin	160.3	168.8	+2.5	
European	98.9	104.2		
Property	141.0	148.5		
Fixed Interest	135.7	142.9	+1.5	
Index Linked	167.2	176.0	+0.1	
Cash	121.9	127.4	+0.1	

GT MANAGEMENT
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-628 8131

GT Plan Bond Fund	188.4	198.3	-0.5	
GT Plan High Yield	222.5	234.2	+1.0	
GT Plan Far East	231.5	243.7	+1.0	
GT Plan North Amer	305.0	321.1	+1.4	
GT Plan UK & Gt	302.7	318.7	+1.4	
GT Plan Worldwide				

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS
01-686 6411

Managed	128.4	133.1	+0.5	
UK Equity	124.8	129.5	+0.5	
Fixed Int	121.5	127.9	+0.1	
Index-Linked	120.4	126.8	+0.1	
Cash Deposit	108.4	114.1	+0.1	
Property	108.2	114.9		
International	114.3	120.3	-1.7	
American	98.0	103.2	-1.4	
Japan	132.6	139.6	-1.7	
Japan Smlr Co's	112.1	118.0	-1.7	
European	108.4	114.1	-1.7	

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts
0992 31971

Portfolio Fd Acc	468.0		+1.2	
Do Inc	396.0		+1.0	
Do Inv a	465.9	490.5	+1.2	
UK Equity	241.7	254.5	+1.6	
Overs Equity	154.6	162.8	+1.0	
Smaller Cos	136.5	143.6	+0.9	
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Kleinwort Grieveson is suspending its no-frills share-dealing service, ShareCall, used by 10,000 clients. Kleinwort blames the additional strain imposed on its administrative systems since Big Bang. Kleinwort has told ShareCall clients that buying orders will no longer be accepted. Selling orders will be accepted until next Friday. Kleinwort hopes eventually to reintroduce an improved share-dealing service.

The 4% bargain

With interest rates on the way down a new account from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society looks good value. The Cheltenham 4-Year Term Share is a limited issue guaranteeing at least 4 per cent extra annual interest over the C&G's ordinary share rate for the full four-year term. The current rate of 10 per cent net is fixed until June 1 on investments of £5,000 and over.

£18m take-up

Lloyds Bank said last night that £18 million of the £300 million it had allocated to fixed-rate mortgages had already been taken up. See Family Money 4 for details.

Angry investors attack FIMBRA just as it prepares to apply for status as a self-regulatory organization

Rough ride for middle men

Will FIMBRA provide investors with the sort of protection they need? AMANDA PARDOE looks at the most controversial of the proposed self-regulatory organizations

The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, or FIMBRA as it is more commonly known, has been having rather a rough ride just lately.

At the same time as setting up its new rule book and generally preparing its application to become a recognized self-regulatory organization (SRO), it has come under attack from angry investors.

In particular, the clients of McDonald Wheeler, the investment firm that collapsed last year owing £9 million, are feeling especially aggrieved. Their main bone of contention is that membership of a body such as FIMBRA should provide some kind of financial safety net.

In fact, FIMBRA has looked at the possibility of introducing its own compensation fund, but one reason why this was rejected was that many of its smaller member firms would be unable to afford to contribute to such a fund.

However, provided FIMBRA's application to become an SRO is accepted, investors can expect greater financial security in the future. This is because the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), which is the overall watchdog for the financial services industry, is proposing to introduce an industry-wide compensation fund.



John Grant, left: making checks. Sir Kenneth Berrill: 'We'll judge FIMBRA on its merits'

SIB considering extending its protection

At present it is intended that this will be available only to personal investors. However, the SIB is considering whether to extend the protection further to a unit trust, for example, which invests in an SRO member firm that goes bust.

The maximum amount that an individual would be able to claim under these proposals would be £48,000, made up of all of the first £30,000 lost and 90 per cent of the next £20,000.

In order to finance such payments, in the event of an SRO's member firm going into liquidation, all the other members of that SRO would be called upon to provide the compensation, up to an amount as yet unspecified, based on a percentage of turnover. Anything over this figure would then be made up by the member firms of the other SROs.

The important point to remember, of course, is that FIMBRA will have to be recognized as an SRO before any such fund could be of benefit to individuals investing with its member firms.

And the flak that has been flying recently puts rather a cloud over FIMBRA, and raises the question whether its application to the SIB may be in jeopardy.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, the chairman of SIB, has already stressed that FIMBRA's application will be judged on its merits, as with the other proposed SROs. Among other requirements, it will have to demonstrate that it has a proper rule book and that it is capable of monitoring and regulating the affairs of its members satisfactorily.

As a guideline, the regulations included in FIMBRA's rule book will have to provide equivalent investor protection to that outlined in the SIB's own rule book. One question this raises is the fact that the SIB is not going to demand professional indemnity insurance (PI) from firms that it authorizes directly.

FIMBRA, on the other hand, has indicated that this type of cover would be required from its members.

In view of the cost of PI, it is possible that FIMBRA may decide to backtrack on this point — a move that some prominent City figures consider to be unwise. They believe the absence of PI could ultimately result in more liquidations, thereby meaning more frequent recourse to the compensation fund.

Clearly, having to claim compensation is distressing to individuals. And, on a practical note, it is likely that there will be some time lag between claims being made and subsequent payouts.

Naturally, FIMBRA is hoping that its application will be approved. The chief executive John Grant and his team are now working on the rule book and are already making spot checks on FIMBRA members. Indeed, it was one of these random inspections which uncovered problems at FMS Financial Management Services at the end of last year.

In response to its findings, FIMBRA imposed certain restrictions on FMS. The company, however, was still able to continue trading, and remained a member of FIMBRA. Under its existing rules, FIMBRA does not have the means to cancel a firm's membership, but it can instruct it to cease trading.

But before resorting to this measure, FIMBRA wanted to complete a more thorough investigation of the activities of FMS. Clearly, it is not prepared to tarnish the name of a fee-paying member until it has cast-iron reasons for doing so.

By February FIMBRA was satisfied that FMS should not be allowed to continue business, and therefore requested the firm to cease trading on February 12.

The current situation is that administrators have been appointed to handle the affairs of FMS. However, various documents have been taken by the Fraud Squad, and the administrators are awaiting the return of these.

It is known, however, that several hundred individuals who had invested in new issues had responded to advertisements from FMS to

Investors who lose rightly have mixed feelings

sell their shares through it. As yet they have not received their sale proceeds.

Anyone who is in this position should contact the administrators immediately. The administrators are Floyd Harris Bradley-Hole and the address is Cliffords Inn, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1AS.

No doubt, if any investors fail to recover the money owed to them, they would be justified in having mixed feelings about the benefits afforded from using a firm that belongs to FIMBRA.

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A woeful day for the working woman

The campaign for equal pay suffered a setback last week when the Court of Appeal rejected a claim by Julie Hayward, a canteen cook at Cammell Laird's shipyard in Birkenhead, Merseyside, that she should be paid the same wages as her male colleagues employed as painters, joiners and insulation engineers.

Although her job is totally different, Ms Hayward argued that it is just as skilled and demanding and that she is entitled to a rise of £26 a week to bring her pay into line with the men's.

The 27-year-old shipyard worker believed she had a case under the Equal Value amendment to the 1970 Equal Pay Act. Until three years ago, women were able to claim equal pay only if they were doing the same "or broadly similar" work as men. The amendment, which came into effect at the beginning of 1984, gives women the right to the same money as men doing completely different jobs if their work requires the same level of expertise and carries equal responsibility.

Last week's judgment was the outcome of a two-year fight by Julie Hayward. Hers was the first case to test the change in the law, and in 1985 she made legal history when an industrial tribunal ruled in her favour.

But a year later, she was back at the tribunal having failed to receive from her employers any of the £26 a week owed to her. At that hearing Cammell Laird argued that because she had other benefits, including sick pay, a daily meal in the canteen and two days' extra paid holiday, she was actually £11 a week better off than her male colleagues. The tribunal accepted the company's argument, as did the Court of Appeal.

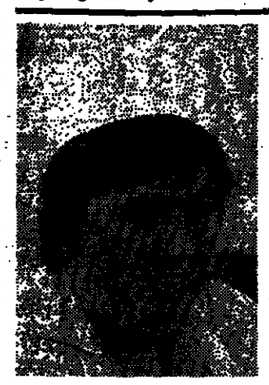
The Equal Opportunities Commission, which backed Ms Hayward's case, believes that her actual wage should be the same as the men's, regardless of other perks. According to the EOC "the right to sick pay is hypothetical". If Ms Hayward never became ill, she would not derive any benefit from having the right to sick pay.

The Court of Appeal ruling came as a major blow to the EOC. The case has been widely publicized and was seen as a crucial test of a relatively new law. It offers the only real hope of bridging the financial gap between jobs dominated by men and so-called "women's work".

The EOC is deeply disappointed by the judges' decision, which it says "drives a coach and horses through the Equal Value amendment".

Women still have a long way to go if they are to earn just 67.4 per cent of male earnings. Two years later that figure had risen to 75 per cent. A whole decade on, women's gross average earnings compared with men's remain virtually unchanged. They have in fact dropped slightly to 74.3 per cent.

Women's rights campaigners had their hopes pinned on the Hayward judgment. Their aim is to encourage more women to act positively for a better deal at work and to try to persuade employers to give in gracefully. Last week's defeat will only strengthen the resolve of companies to fight such cases to the bitter end.



Defeat for Julie Hayward: after three hearings she has been told that her basic pay need not be made up to a man's because of her perks as a canteen cook at Cammell Laird. The Equal Opportunities Commission had hoped the case would finally establish pay parity

For some businesses, however, perseverance is not always the best policy. In November last year, a small furniture manufacturer lost a lengthy battle with a group of female sewing machinists. Twenty-three women at Alstons in Colchester, Essex, took a case against management claiming their bonus system was unfair.

The male upholsterers in the firm earned the same basic salary but could make per cent more on incentive payments, awarded to both men and women for extra speed and efficiency.

The company fought the case for two years and by the time they were finally defeated had spent £20,000 on legal costs and faced a further bill of £20,000 to cover back payments. The chief executive of Alstons Upholstery, Brian Moss, admitted afterwards: "It makes a company creak a little bit because it affects your cash flow." In retrospect he wishes they had abandoned the case at the very beginning.

As it stands, to absorb the extra cost they have had to cut their staff by five, fortunately through natural wastage, and take a closer look at how to achieve other savings.

However, for other employers, who face similar action from women on their payrolls, the Hayward case will undoubtedly provide a boost.

The EOC, meanwhile, is awaiting the result of another crucial test case also being considered by the Court of Appeal. Freemans mail order warehouse in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, was taken to a tribunal by a warehouse operative, Irene Pickstone, and her female colleagues. They claimed they were entitled to the same pay as male "checker warehouse operatives" earning £3.60 a week more.

At the second hearing the women were told they did not have a case because there were also men doing their job for the same pay.

If the Court of Appeal refuses to overturn that decision, many companies such as Alstons will be able to get round an equal value claim by employing a token man alongside women. A case, one might say, of putting a pigeon among the cats.

Kate Brown

Pension loans on offer

■ Bacon and Woodrow, one of Britain's largest firms of consulting actuaries, is offering pension mortgages to members of occupational pension schemes. Until now, this tax-efficient method of mortgage repayment has been available only to self-employed people, members of self-administered occupational pension schemes who have had an associated insurance policy, or an additional voluntary contribution policy to back the loan.

The scheme, which is open to any employees of Bacon and Woodrow's clients, is being offered in conjunction with the Bank of Scotland, which will provide the mortgage funds.

Applications for mortgages from £15,000 to £300,000 will be considered, based on the value of the property and the applicant's income. Up to 90 per cent of the valuation or purchase price may be available and the salary multiple is three times the primary income, plus the secondary income. In relation to the pension policy, employees can borrow up to 80 per cent of their expected cash sum.

Not only is the offer being made to new borrowers. Scheme members can, if they wish, convert existing mortgages to pension mortgages.

Standard Life has also announced that it will be offering pension mortgages to members of the 2,500 company pension schemes it administers from April 6. Standard hopes this will encourage employees who want a pension mortgage to stay in its company scheme rather than taking out an individual pension plan.

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Friendly double

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The Designers

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Money manual

■ Kidsons Chartered Accountants have produced a digest reviewing current financial and business news.



This handy, 12-page guide covers a variety of topics, including directors' responsibilities and how the new VAT proposals are likely to affect the development of small businesses.

It also gives advice on how individuals can save tax before this tax year ends on April 5, and provides a useful aide-mémoire on both personal equity plans and inheritance tax. For anyone who is particularly interested in inheritance tax and the changes arising from the Finance Act 1986, Kidsons offers a separate guide which covers this subject in greater detail.

Both booklets are available free of charge from Kidsons, Columbia House, 69 Aldwych, London WC2B 4DY.

Looking abroad

■ Today sees the launch of MLA Investment Management's Emerging Markets Trust. The aim of this new fund is to invest in high-quality companies on the stock markets of emerging markets in the Far East and Europe.

At the outset, the emphasis of the fund will be on emerging markets in Europe such as Belgium, Italy, Austria, Spain, Portugal and Finland and in South-East Asia, especially South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. In some cases exposure will be through investing in companies listed on major markets but which have strong trading links in countries which have emerging markets.

The MLA fund, which is similar in scope to Gartmore's recently launched Frontier Markets Trust, has a minimum investment of £500. It is not for widows and orphans. Potential investors should not put a high proportion of their total investment in this fund, but invest only an amount they are willing to risk for the potential of high return.

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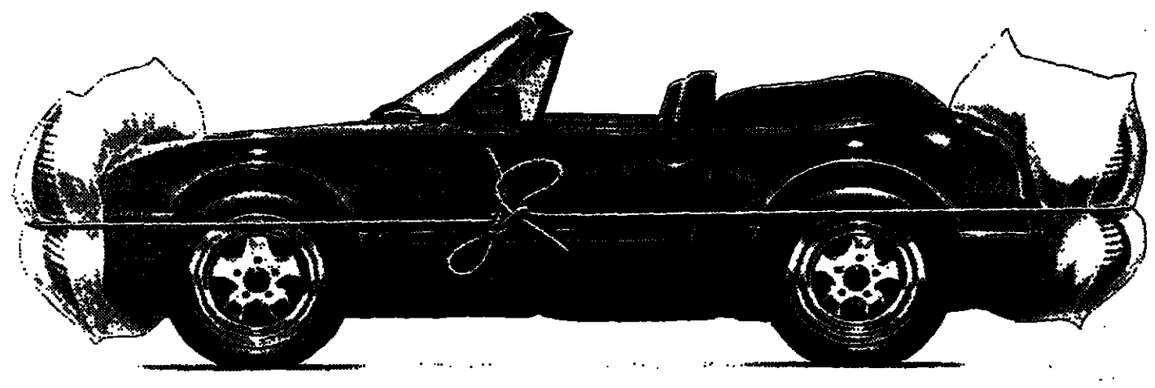
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The new service complements Barclays' existing range of products aimed at the visually handicapped. These include templates to help customers fill in their cheques and a plastic bank note gauge, which enables them to distinguish the various notes. Oversize statement binders are also being provided to fit the new statements.

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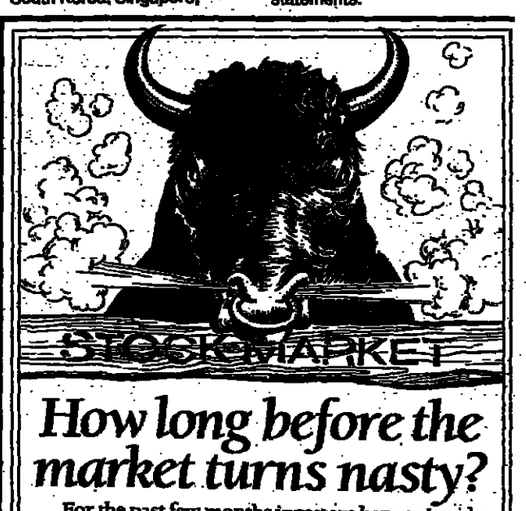
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The umbrella that keeps your expenses down

Just under three years ago, Gartmore carved out a small niche in investment history by launching the first offshore "umbrella" fund. It did not remain for long without competitors. However, the numbers were small until recently, when several new funds appeared almost simultaneously.

An umbrella fund is one investment vehicle comprising a number of separate sub-funds. Technically, it is a company, and it issues shares, not units, but the funds underlying every class of shares operate in a manner similar to unit trusts.

An investor may buy shares in any one or more of these classes. The range usually comprises several equity funds, covering different world markets, bond funds, which invest in fixed interest securities, again in various countries, and in some cases currency funds, which represent cash on deposit.

The idea behind the umbrella fund is that the investor can put together a portfolio of shares, spread over different funds; through the one company. In particular, switching between funds or, more accurately, conversion from one class of shares to another, is not only simple but also relatively cheap.

Switching from one unit trust to another incurs a cost in the form of the bid-offer spread, around 5 per cent. If both trusts are run by the same company, there is usually some discount, leaving an effective 2 to 3 per cent charge.

Within the umbrella fund, though, conversions are carried out at a single price for every fund, so there is no spread. There may be a switching charge, but this is generally about 1 per cent, and the first few conversions every year are often free.

Moreover, there is a tax advantage, as conversions between sub-funds do not give rise to any capital gains tax liability. This will come into play only on the final disposal of shares.

As a rule, umbrella funds are not aimed at the small investor. The minimum subscription is at least £1,000, and often more, and with minimum levels also set for holdings in every sub-fund, it would take a sizeable sum to achieve a balanced portfolio.

Investment decisions, as to which sub-funds to choose and when to switch, are in the hands of the subscriber, although some form of advice may be available. Wardley, for example, offers a management service alongside its Global Selection fund, but will make a charge for this.

Substantial penalty to the investor

With one notable exception, umbrella funds are all based offshore, mostly in the Channel Islands or Luxemburg. This has certain tax implications, including one that is potentially a major drawback.

Before 1984 offshore funds generally operated on a "roll-up" basis. This meant dividends were accumulated within the investment, thus avoiding income tax liability. However, the Chancellor then ruled that income tax, not capital gains tax as before, would be payable on any gains when shares were sold.

One loophole was left, which was that funds could apply for "distributor" status. In this case, income and capital gains would be separately taxed as such, just as with a unit trust. To qualify, a fund must distribute at least 85 per cent of its income, every year, in dividends.

There is also a condition that the fund must not trade "too actively", though there are only vague guidelines as to what this actually means. This can put a particular constraint on fund managers when handling currency transactions, because classification as a trader would spell automatic disqualification from distributor status.

The chief problem, however, is that distributor status can be applied for only retrospectively, so there is no knowing in advance if a fund will qualify. Moreover, with an umbrella fund, every separate sub-fund must be approved, or the status will be lost overall. In this case, both income and capital gains would be counted together and taxed as income, which could be a substantial penalty to the investor.

Scimitar and Hill Samuel have both opted to avoid these difficulties by not applying for distributor status. However, these funds are aimed chiefly at international and expatriate investors, who are not subject to UK tax rules.

One other umbrella fund has no problems of status: it is based onshore, and is, in fact, an authorized unit trust. The concept was dreamed up by Arbuthnot, but the fund has recently been relaunched as the Prestige Portfolio Trust by Royal Trust Asset Management, whose parent company acquired Arbuthnot last year.

This operates rather like its offshore cousins, offering a choice of 10 portfolios. Although there are no currency or bond funds, there is a deposit fund, designed to provide a short-term refuge from a downturn in equity markets. Switching between sub-funds is free of charge, and done at a single price for every fund, based on net asset values.

However — and this is where it differs importantly from offshore funds — conversions are treated by the Inland Revenue as disposals, and are therefore subject to capital gains tax. When Arbuthnot launched the trust, it was hoping that this liability would not arise, but the Revenue decided otherwise. This may explain why other companies have preferred to stay offshore.

On the other hand, the onshore fund is not obliged to pay dividends, and all income is, in fact, accumulated within the funds, net of basic rate tax. Only a higher-rate taxpayer will have any further payment to make on this score.

Moreover, provided any capital gains from this and other sources fall within the annual allowance for exemption, no capital gains tax will actually be payable. For some investors, then, this may be preferable to an offshore fund, where the loss of distributor status might lead to a hefty tax bill.

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The speculating borrowers

MORTGAGES

Good news is on the horizon for home-owners, with mortgage rates on a downward trend. You can take out a mortgage where payments are fixed for a pre-agreed period. Could such a mortgage be for you?
AMANDA PARDOE advises

For the majority of house-buyers, a change in the mortgage rate means, quite simply, either more or less of their hard-earned cash going out of their bank account every month. And, although they may spend a considerable amount of time wishing the rate would go down, they are not in the business of offering predictions.

Nevertheless, some people do feel reasonably confident of their ability to assess the future movement of interest rates. For these borrowers a fixed-rate mortgage, or a mortgage linked to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate, or LIBOR for short, is certainly worth considering.

LIBOR, for those unfamiliar with it, is dictated by wholesale deals that are transacted principally between the recognized banks, although some large companies also use this market for borrowing or lending surplus funds.

Also, unlike the more familiar bank base rates, LIBOR can change many times throughout the day. What is more, the rate varies in line with the term quoted. This can be anything from an overnight loan, one taken over a one-month, two-month or three-month period. The choice is extensive.

So where the rate of interest on a home-buyer's mortgage is to be linked to LIBOR, the lender will quote the appropriate rate at the time when the advance is drawn down. And, regardless of any day-to-day fluctuations in LIBOR, the rate quoted for the mortgage will remain unchanged throughout the specified term. However, at the end of the period, the lender will revise the figure in line with the LIBOR rate prevailing at the time. Throughout the duration of the mortgage, on top of the LIBOR element, an additional fixed sum is also charged, which is usually about 1 per cent.

For people who are prepared to take a longer-term view of interest rates, a fixed-rate mortgage may be preferable to the LIBOR-linked variety. The mechanics are very straightforward. Here the lender simply quotes an all-inclusive rate, which is fixed for a given number of years from the outset.

Lloyds Bank, for example, has this week allocated £300 million to a new endowment-only home loan, the rate on which will be fixed at 10.2 per cent until June 30, 1990, when borrowers will be given the option to switch to Lloyds Bank's standard home loan rate, or to continue to pay at a new fixed rate for a further period. The minimum mortgage allowed under this scheme is £30,000, and there is a maximum term of 30 years.

Midland has now followed the Lloyds example. It has set aside £500 million for fixed-rate mortgages, which can be repaid either by an endowment or a pension policy. The interest rate is 10.2 per cent and will be fixed for three years. To qualify for consideration the mortgage must be for at least £35,000, and have a term of no longer than 25 years.

Under the Executive Mortgage Scheme, launched earlier this month by Brown Shipley, borrowers can select either method. What is more, at the end of any given term, they can switch from, say, a LIBOR-linked mortgage to one calculated on a fixed-rate basis, or, indeed, vice versa. The scheme offers customers a choice of five different time periods in all. They can elect to pay 1 per cent over either the LIBOR rate for 90 days or 180 days; or alternatively they can request a fixed rate of interest, which can be guaranteed for three, four or five years.

Great demand not expected

Not surprisingly, the demand for a mortgage rate that offers the borrower the chance to take a view on interest rates is not expected to be great. Accordingly, Colin Hughes, manager of the loans and credit department at Brown Shipley, says the company is directing its Executive Mortgage scheme at more sophisticated borrowers, who are looking for a fairly sizeable mortgage.

Under the scheme, the minimum loan is £50,000, but Brown Shipley expects that most of the applications will come from people who require a much larger advance.

Overall, the company expects that the scheme will appeal in particular to professional people who have high incomes, and, of course, who are conversant with interest rate movements.

With regard to the more commonplace aspects of the Executive Mortage scheme, the term of the mortgage must be between 10 and 25 years. Brown Shipley has given Standard Life Assurance the marketing rights of the scheme, exclusively, for the first three months.

However, there is nothing to stop anyone wishing to use the policies of another life office from going to Brown Shipley direct.

Brown Shipley is certainly not the first company to offer LIBOR-linked loans. Birmingham-based National Home Loans, although set up two years ago to buy blocks of mortgages from local authorities and insurance companies, also provides loans on an individual basis. And, last autumn, National Home Loans began providing mortgages costing 1 per cent over the three-month LIBOR rate through selected brokers.

In common with Brown Shipley, NHL expected there would be only a limited demand for its Blue Chip mortgage, and that such as there was would be largely confined to London.

However, NHL's finance director, Kevin Milner, is very pleased with the response to date. As a result, the Blue Chip loan will probably be made available nationwide in the next few months. Offers made by NHL since the launch are in the region of £100 million. Although Mr Milner was reluctant to quote the actual amount advanced, he said it was "very satisfactory in relation to the offers made".

Under the Blue Chip scheme, LIBOR-linked loans are available for a maximum of 25 years, and for amounts of at least £20,000. In spite of this low minimum sum, however, the average advance is roughly £70,000.

Although it is still early days, it is worth noting that the actual rates charged on Blue Chip loans have been fairly close to those quoted by the building societies and clearing banks.

For the last three months of 1986, for example, the rate was 10.875 cent and the current rate is 12.25 per cent. This, of course, will be due for revision at the end of the month.

Another company to introduce LIBOR-linked and fixed-rate mortgages last year was Citibank Savings. Its Executive Selection included both these options, plus a "cap and collar" product on which the rate of interest could vary, but was guaranteed not to rise above a specified rate for the first five years.

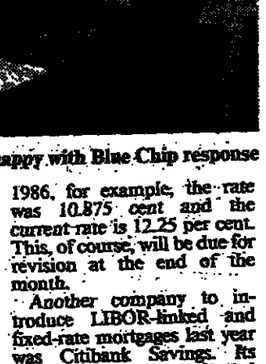
This "cap and collar" loan, branded the Belgravia mortgage, proved the most popular of the three products. The whole range, however, was introduced on a trial basis, and has subsequently been withdrawn.

According to Paul Cohen, the managing director, Citibank was very pleased with the demand, but the ensuing rise in interest rates made it impossible for the company to offer competitive rates, particularly on the Belgravia mortgage. But, now that interest rates are on the way down, Citibank is looking at the possibility of reintroducing Executive Selection.

Clearly, anyone contemplating either a fixed-interest or a LIBOR-linked mortgage should remember that interest rates can go down, which they are now doing, as well as up. It is therefore important that you feel fairly confident in your ability to guess what the future trend is likely to be, before you opt for either of these methods.



In the bag: Kevin Milner is happy with Blue Chip response



Colin Hughes: seeking more sophisticated borrowers

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Choose the best time to sell off that asset

Many investors will pay capital gains tax for the first time as a result of substantial profits they have made on stock markets around the world in the past 12 months. DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY advise

Taking action before the April 5 deadline to save capital gains tax at 30 per cent could save you a lot of money now or in the longer term.

But first of all you have to determine whether you have potential liability and how big it is likely to be. Although you may not have a potential capital gains tax liability this year, it could turn into a significant problem next year or the year after that if you are likely to accumulate further capital gains in the future.

Capital gains tax is charged on profits realized during the current tax year; so until you actually sell or give away an asset, the capital gains tax charge does not arise.

Profits on individual investments are calculated after taking into account acquisition and disposal expenses, such as commissions and stamp duties, and on property expenditure improvements will normally count as a deduction against your profit.

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Exemption lapses after April 5

Index from the time you purchased the asset, or else March 1982 if that happens to be later.

The profits you realized during 1986-87 are set against the losses you realized to determine your net gains (or losses) for the year. If total net gains are £6,300 or less, no capital gains tax will be charged, but if they are more than £6,300 any losses you have realized in previous years may be set against your gains for the year. After that, a 30 per cent tax charge is levied on profits.

However, if you have a net loss for the year, it can be carried forward indefinitely.

It is essential to appreciate that the £6,300 small gains exemption can be used only in the current tax year, for after April 5 it effectively lapses and you will then have to rely on the small gains exemption for the 1978-88 year.

A lot of capital gains tax planning towards the year end involves making the maximum use of the £6,300 exemption. Single people have their exemption all to themselves and children are given their own exemptions quite separately from their parents.

However, married couples, sadly, must share the £6,300 exemption, providing yet another incentive for well-heeled couples who each have an actively managed portfolio not to marry.

Indexation relief has become very much more important since it was first introduced in March 1982 and it can now make a significant difference to the amount of capital gains tax that you may have to pay.

For example, if you purchased an asset during or before March 1982, the revaluation of its March 1982 value (or cost price if that is higher) is now about 26 per cent on disposals after January 1987. In other words, if the asset was acquired for £10,000 in March 1982 and is sold now, the base price would be roughly £12,600, reducing the taxable gain by £2,600.

These are all kinds of tax planning stratagems but they could conflict with managing your investments in the most sensible way. Good tax strategy does not always make for good investment practice. So, when in doubt, remember that it is more important to get the investment right than the tax. Profits may be taxable and losses may be allowable but profits are always preferable.

It is not always necessary to make a major change in your portfolio when you want to dispose of an asset. You could sell your investment and buy it back the following day. This is known as a "bed-and-breakfast" transaction and it allows you to obtain the tax benefits of switching without the investment consequences.

● It could be worth realizing profits on your investments if your total net gains for the current year are likely to be



less than £6,300. If you do not use this up, either by switching or "bed and breakfasting", the exemption will lapse by the end of the year.

Next year you might have more net gains to add to the ones you have accumulated so far and they could be enough to put you into the capital gains tax net. Furthermore, if we have a change of government, the small gains exemption could be reduced. So it may be worth "bed and breakfasting" now in order to prevent yourself storing up a tax liability for the future.

● There could even be a long-term indexation bonus in realizing a profit now. This is because your future indexation relief would be based on a higher amount. For example, if you bought an investment for £10,000 back in March 1982 and sold it now for £20,000, which you re invested, your future indexation would be based on £20,000, not on your previous base of £10,000 plus £2,600

Profits grow in value as you keep them

indexation relief.

● If your gains realized so far this year exceed £6,300 and you have some potential losses in your portfolio, you should probably realize them either by switching or "bed and breakfasting" in order to reduce your tax liability for the current year.

● However, if you have losses which you have not realized and your net gains do not exceed £6,300, you probably should not dispose of these assets. Indexation will mean that these profits will get more valuable as long as you hold on to them, but once you sell, they cease to be indexed.

● If you have any assets, such as quoted securities, which are now worth 5 per cent of their original value or less, you could claim that these have become of "negligible value" and they could be treated as an allowable loss for the first year in which they achieved this unfortunate state. You have two years from the end of the relevant tax year in order to claim this particular relief.

● Husbands and wives can choose for their gains and losses to be taxed separately or together. This can make a difference to the losses that can be carried forward.

For example, Mrs Jones has gains of £6,000 and Mr Jones has losses of the same amount. The normal position of their being taxed together would be a sad waste of Mr Jones's allowable losses. It would be far better to choose capital gains tax separation, set her gains against the exempt £6,300 and carry his losses forward against any future possible taxable gains made by either of them.

Then at some point in the future, that could save up to £1,800 of tax. You have until July 6 this year to make the election for the tax year 1986-87.

● Everyone has his or her own £6,300 small gains exemption. So if you can trust your children with some of your money, you could spread your assets and your gains among your family.

● When all else fails, you could consider waiting until after April 5 to make a substantial disposal. Gains made in the tax year 1986-87 are subject to tax that has to be paid in December 1987. But profits realized on April 6, 1987, or afterwards, will give you the use of the tax money for a clear 12 months or more.

Making it easier to go on caring

What happens if you reach the golden age of retirement and are mentally incapable of managing your own financial affairs? CHARLES JACKSON advises

We are fast becoming an ageing population. What has not been so readily recognized is that mental incapacity, in the form of senile dementia, is not only increasing but is also striking at a much earlier age.

For many years it has been possible to grant powers of attorney for other people to act in our interests where we no longer want the bother of dealing with our own affairs.

However, such powers are immediately revoked once we show signs of becoming mentally incapable.

In such cases, application must be made to the Court of Protection for a Receiver to be appointed. The procedure is costly and time-consuming and, while the court may well act in our best interests, it may not necessarily act according to our wishes.

A year ago this month a new Act came into force offering provisions to overcome some of these difficulties. Judging by correspondence in law journals, lawyers have welcomed the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985 but, as is often the case with subtle legislation, the general public do not seem to be quite so well-informed.

In contrast to an ordinary power of attorney, an *enduring* power is capable of surviving the donor's subsequent deterioration in mental health, whether it takes the form of simple confusion or full-blown loss of mental faculty. The power is, of course, subject to certain provisos, the most important being that the donor must have been in full possession of his or her mental faculties at the time the power was created.

The actual scope of the power is left entirely to the donor. The appointed attorney can be instructed either to act in general authority or can be limited to dealing with specific limited matters.

As in the case of an ordinary power of attorney, the donor can ask that the attorney acts on his or her behalf immediately, whether or not the donor has become mentally incapable.

Depending on any limitations that have been placed on the enduring power, the attorney can use the donor's assets to maintain himself or herself and others where the donor would have been expected to do so had he or she had full mental capacity.

Similarly, the attorney can authorize gifts on behalf of the donor — including gifts to him or herself — provided the donor would have made such gifts.

The attorney appointed must be over 18 and must not be bankrupt. One can appoint joint attorneys, but if one of them becomes bankrupt, this has the effect of revoking the

Safeguards against fraud being used

power for both attorneys unless the donor gives "joint and several" powers. In these cases the solvent attorney can continue the power.

As is clear from the above, an attorney can act for the donor, if so requested, long before the latter becomes mentally incapable. However, as soon as there is evidence of incapacity, the attorney must apply to the Court of Protection for the power to be registered.

At the same time the attorney must give notice to the donor, to any other joint or joint and several attorneys, and to at least three members of the donor's family, of his or her intention to apply to the court.

The Act lays down clear guidelines as to who in the family should be notified. The Act classifies relatives according to their proximity of relationship with the donor.

So, first comes the wife or husband, then the donor's children, then the donor's parents and so on. Any one of the relatives notified can make an object to registration of the power.

Grounds for objection include the possibility that the application for registration is premature — in other words the donor has not yet become mentally incapable — or that undue influence or fraud was used in obtaining the power. It is also possible to claim that the attorney's relationship with the donor is such that he or she is not fit to act as the donor's attorney.

The Act confers extremely broad powers on the Court of Protection to dispense with notice requirements and to settle any disputes or objections filed by relatives.

As soon as the attorney has filed for registration, he or she has only limited powers to act until registration has been confirmed. For example, the attorney can take action under the power to prevent any loss to the donor's estate and to maintain the donor and his or her dependants — including the attorney — if, in the normal course of events, the donor might have been expected so to provide.

Once the enduring power has been registered the power cannot be extended or restricted by the donor — even during lucid periods.

However, the Court of Protection has the power to grant a revocation if it is satisfied that the donor was mentally capable of having done all that was necessary to revoke the power.

In all cases the enduring power of attorney is operated under the supervision of the Court of Protection so that, in the majority of cases, the donor's best interests and wishes will be paramount.

In an age when mental incapacity is a very real possibility for all of us, it makes sense to give serious consideration to appointing an attorney to act on our behalf. Whether the appointee is a bank manager, a solicitor or a close friend is a matter of preference.

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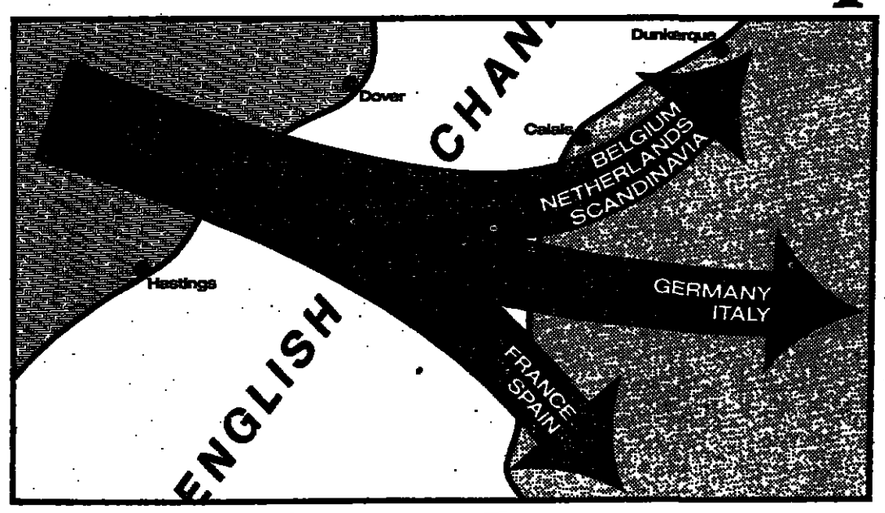
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	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	—	—	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1985	2,278	907	65,160	10,000
1986	2,680	750	84,820	10,000
1 Mar '87	—	—	96,940	10,000

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23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1985	270,800	49,474	55,233	40,164
1 Mar '87	487,600	72,365	57,813	43,773*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

FURTHER INFORMATION On 11th March 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
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Dividend Fund	522·0p	1562·9p	4·48%
SECOND General	906·4p	1815·5p	3·18%

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1965	31,320	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	46,480	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	195,400	61,600	62,494	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	78,580
1 Mar '87	840,560	257,800	89,932	85,641*

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Following the Zeebrugge ferry tragedy with the loss of so many lives and many injuries to the passengers on board the *Herald of Free Enterprise*, attention has been focused on the liability that carriers have in the field of public transport.

The lowest limits are for the air traveller and these are largely covered by the Warsaw Convention. This system offers passengers involved in an aviation accident the relative speed and certainty of claim but in return airlines may be liable only up to around £13,600.

"Without the Convention, passengers might have to pursue lengthy legal actions," says the Transport Secretary John Moore. But in addition to the low limit, airlines may try to escape liability by disproving fault.

In view of the very low limits, the Government here is pressing to improve the latest amendments to the Convention, the Montreal Protocol, which would raise limits to 100,000 SDRs (approximately £85,000) and make them unbreakable in return for making the airlines strictly liable. Claimants would not need to prove fault.

Last year the Aviation Minister Michael Spicer said the British Government would have to re-examine its continued adherence to the Warsaw system if other states did not ratify higher levels. In the meantime, the Civil Aviation Authority already requires British airlines to take out a special contract that provides up to £85,000, as a condition of their licences.

British Rail has no limit and any claimant is free to pursue a case of negligence. British Rail carries its own insurance up to £3.25 million but places liability outside for sums above this figure.

At sea most ships operate under the 1974 Athens Convention. This has been incorporated into the Merchant Shipping Act 1979. It puts compensation for negligent loss of life or injury at £38,000.

However, the picture is complicated by the fact that Belgium is not a signatory and it may be in the present tragedy that claims could be established under Belgian law.

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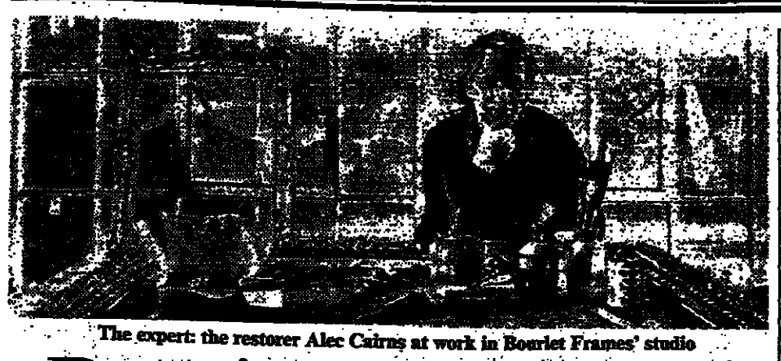
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The expert: the restorer Alec Cairns at work in Bourlet Frames' studio

Does it pay to mend?

One of the more poignant stories to emerge from a recent edition of the *Antiques Roadshow* programme was the tale of the dog that had put its paw through a painting valued by the expert at five figures, "when the tear was repaired". Such accidents are all too common, according to the auction house Sotheby's.

In the antiques world condition is crucial to the value. But is it worth having a painting restored? Will it be more valuable with the damage repaired? And whom can you trust to do the delicate restoration on a piece of Ming that you have been using as an umbrella stand for the past 25 years?

The frame makers, Bourlet Frames Ltd, in Chelsea, London, who are also picture restorers, believe "no one wants to sit and look at a picture with a tear in it but £500 spent repairing it would not necessarily be recouped if the painting were put up for auction".

Assuming you have a painting of value — whether or not you intend putting it up for auction — Sotheby's Old Masters department would prefer you to show it to one of its experts first for an opinion on restoration.

Sotheby's says: "It depends on the condition, whether it's a case of the paint flaking off, a tear, or serious damage."

If you have some really exciting wall paintings, the Courtauld Institute will come to your house and restore them *in situ*. The institute has a department (separate from the Courtauld Institute Gallery) dealing exclusively in this specialized form of restoration.

For people out of London who need advice on restorers in their area, the Association of British Picture Restorers will supply a list of its members. Full members have been restoring pictures for at least seven years and their work is assessed before they are allowed to join.

It is possible to restore a piece of porcelain so well that a chip, for instance, will be undetectable, just like a small tear in a canvas. One of the specialist firms used by Christie's, The Porcelain Restorers, charges on the complexity and length of time it takes to restore an object rather than its value.

But these restorers claim: "It definitely adds to the value of a piece of porcelain to have it properly restored. The whole object, of course, is to restore as little as possible and all restoration should be reversible."

A good restorer can replace missing arms and fingers on porcelain figures so well that the repair is almost imperceptible. Some experts such as George Savage believe cracks are unimportant and best left as they are, while old tin-enamelled ware is so susceptible to chipping that a perfect example would be positively suspicious.

Investigate the restorer's credentials

Furniture repair and restoration is frequently essential — the replacement of a chair leg, for instance — and legitimate, as when a piece of marquetry is missing.

Bond Street shops such as Asprey's or Mallett's employ their own restorers but Asprey's claims: "It's a good idea to get an expert from Christie's or Sotheby's to examine the piece first. They can tell you exactly what restoration is needed."

One gets the impression that Asprey's is at the receiving end of requests for restoration that are not strictly in keeping with the period of the piece, and does not want to get the blame. The *Antiques Roadshow* frequently shows the result of a misalliance between a sturdy 17th-century object and spindly 19th-century legs.

If you are looking through *Yellow Pages* for someone to repair the set of Chippendale chairs you inherited, choose a member of the British Antique Restorers Association. Membership of the association shows that this restorer has satisfied the selection committee and produced three references from museums of other equally reputable organizations where only the very highest standards are acceptable.

In fact, before you entrust valuable antiques to restorers, whether china, furniture or paintings, it is a good idea to find out if they have carried out work for museums or bodies such as the Department of the Environment or the National Trust.

Like surgeons, restorers have to start somewhere, but preferably not on me or my Ming.

Morag Campbell

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Investors with a taste for gold have so far been unable to buy a British bullion coin that matches South Africa's Krugerrand, or its American, Canadian and Australian counterparts.

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This week it was given permission by the Queen to start minting a new 1oz fine gold coin — the Britannia — this autumn.

Half-ounce, quarter-ounce and one-tenth of an ounce versions will follow later.

The event is historic. The only British gold coin in production, the sovereign, has been issued in its present form since 1817, although sovereigns were first issued in back in 1489, in the reign of Henry VII.

There are several reasons for minting the new coin. First, it will match the weight of foreign rivals in the bullion coin market. the Sovereign weighs 0.2354 oz.

Secondly, it will help fill the gap in the market caused by South Africa ending production of the Kruggerrand in 1985, and the international sanctions against Pretoria's bullion coins in protest against apartheid.

The 22-carat Britannia will naturally contain no South African gold, nor Soviet for that matter. Joe Cussen, of the Royal Mint, nowadays located at Llantrisant in South Wales, admits that it would have been nice to have a coin containing Welsh, or British gold. But there is just not enough mined.

And the now for the important question. What will it cost?

The coin will be priced on the basis of the gold price current on the day of purchase, plus a "competitive premium", according to the Treasury. That would price it at about £300 at present gold prices.

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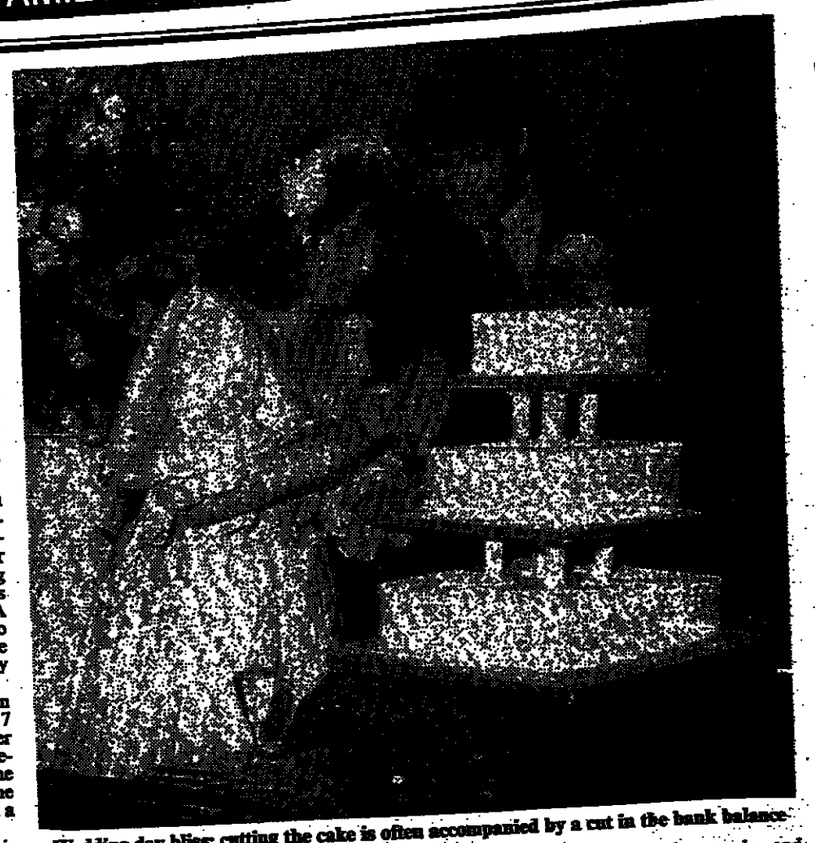
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Wedding day bliss: cutting the cake is often accompanied by a cut in the bank balance

WEDDINGS

If Tennyson's observation still rings true, a young man's fancy will soon turn lightly to thoughts of love, his beloved to thoughts of a spring wedding, and her father to wondering how on earth he is going to pay for it all.
NICHOLAS COLE looks at an old problem

Unless the aged parent preemptively organized an endowment policy while his blushing daughter was still in nappies, or has taken the admirably caddish step of persuading someone to insure him *against* her getting married, he will be facing the wrong end of a total bill sufficient to drain even a healthy bank account, and make borrowing necessary.

His chances of ducking any obligations are likely to be no better or worse than at any time in the recent past.

Despite relatively small year-to-year fluctuations, the number of marriages has stayed constant since 1981 at between 342,000 and 352,000 every year.

For those who, like Samuel Pepys, "delight . . . to see these poor fools decoyed into our condition", but blench at the financial reckoning, there is, however, the relief of knowing that no social shame attaches to various kinds of familial and inter-family cost-sharing.

This is now acceptable — even necessary — form in nearly 50 per cent of weddings, although the traditional custom of brides' parents bearing the major costs still marginally predominates.

Interestingly, bride and groom pay the costs on 10.6 per cent of nuptial occasions.

These figures emerge from an analysis just completed by that bible of the intended, *Brides* magazine, following a survey among its 56,000 all-status readers.

Their answers also confirm that receptions generally involve the heaviest single outlay, with more than 32 per cent of respondents saying that spending on food alone is between £500 and £1,000. A further 21.6 per cent expect to lay out £250-£500 on the catering, which is normally quoted on a per head basis.

Additionally, more than £500 is allowed for drink at 17 per cent of weddings, 47 per cent of which are champagne-only affairs. Sparkling wine rules 51 per cent of the time and so do pay bars at about a third of all weddings.

The next costliest item is probably the wedding dress. The majority of brides are prepared to spend from £150 to £200 on this; 17 per cent will shell out £250-£300, and 9.4 per cent more than £500. Gowns costing £2,000 are not unknown.

Few want to hire their dresses; most are bought or made specially for the big day.

Evening disco is almost mandatory

Quite a few are later dyed or altered and worn again.

Alas, dear parent, the bank raid is not over yet. While you should have escaped the church fees — mainly including the standard £33 charge for the marriage service — plus the cost of transport, both supposedly the groom's responsibility, you still have flowers, photography and the printing of invitations and other items to pay for, at the very least.

Printing will probably swallow £75-£100, flowers perhaps double these sums. As for photography, you *might* engage a happy snapper for £50 — but if you want to make sure he not only turns up but also provides memorable results, the going rate is £100-£200.

Should your daughter have charmed you into contributing towards the now almost mandatory evening party-disco, expect to kiss farewell to a minimum of £100, particularly if a hired hall and live music are involved, and a further £100 if you are asked to help to fund the honeymoon, as you probably will be!

Sexual equality appears also to mean equal opportunity to pay your own way.

Ninety per cent of brides work and save, and must expect to find £250-£300 for their share of the basic honeymoon cost — and that is before clothes and spending money.

A morning suit, a new outfit for the bride's mother, the wedding cake and incidentals such as inspiriting bottles of bubbly before departure to the altar can easily add another £200.

It is impossible to give "average" costs because of the many variables, such as the trend to non-religious ceremonies, and the rising number of second and third marriages, which sometimes involve "dinkies" (double incomes, no kids).

One can, nevertheless, fairly assume a ballpark cost of not less than £1,000 and very possibly closer to £2,000.

£15,000 lavished on clothes alone

If your nearest and dearest have set their hearts on a fairytale occasion complete with horse and carriage, plus white silk mufti all round, make sure you have a *very* tame bank manager.

At one London wedding last year, neither a royal nor a society event, £15,000 was lavished on clothes alone.

A wedding organizer could help you keep costs down, as well as shouldering responsibility for any worrying or burdensome arrangements.

Choose with care, for this is a growth area that has attracted certain greedy and unreliable operators.

The best course is to rely on a word-of-mouth recommendation to locate a reputable local organizer with a track record of direct personal involvement.

Most weddings are planned a year ahead, but can tend to be "sprung" at such short notice that existing provision — often including building society savings — may prove unequal to the task.

Even if you have beautiful sextuplets and think their weddings should qualify you for recurring, interest-free credit, it is more likely that any borrowing would have to be via a personal bank loan.

As to guarding against financial loss through the dreaded "Havisham" factor — a no-show at the church — insurers generally prefer not to gamble on emotions, though it might be possible to negotiate cover under an abandonment-non-appearance contingency policy. Much would depend on the circumstances, health factors and size of spending involved.

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TIMESHARE

The 21st International Property and Timesharing Exhibition takes place at the Cumberland Hotel, London, from March 20 to 22. HAZEL SPINK reports on the current state of play in the timesharing world

The timesharing exhibition, which is sponsored by *Homes and Travel Abroad* magazine, has been taking place twice a year since 1977. Since that time interest in overseas property has increased considerably and this is reflected in the way the exhibition has grown. It now boasts around 70 exhibitors, and more than 4,200 people attended the last exhibition.

Timesharing, put simply, means purchasing weekly periods of usage at a holiday resort, either for a specific number of years or freehold. The concept was first introduced at a ski resort in the French Alps in 1965. It was adopted in the United States in the early 1970s and first appeared in England in 1979.

There are around 1,750 resorts worldwide and nearly two million owners in 55 countries. Around 100,000 of these are British and, furthermore, this number is increasing by more than 2,000 a month.

Timesharing has a number of advantages that help to explain its increasing popularity. First, individuals do not have to buy their holiday home outright, nor assume responsibility for the overheads of repairs, maintenance and insurance all year round. More importantly, timesharing gives protection from inflation on a substantial portion of holiday costs. Timesharers pay one initial set-priced premium and a small maintenance charge spread among the owners.

Prices range from between £750 and £5,000, depending on season, for a studio apartment and from between £2,500 and £10,000 for a three-bedroom villa, although prices will vary considerably according to location and the facilities provided.

For those who are put off timesharing by the thought of having to return to the same resort every year, it is worth noting that there are two organizations specializing in the exchange of timeshares. These are Resorts Condominium International (RCI) and Interval International (II). The former is affiliated to more than 1,200 resorts and the latter to around 500. This gives timesharers access to almost 1,800 resorts worldwide.

Unfortunately, but perhaps not surprisingly, as time-sharing increased in popularity, unscrupulous entrepreneurs seized the opportunity to take advantage of the unsuspecting and gullible.

The horror stories that emerged range from holiday-makers being pestered by touts to vendors selling property that was not theirs to sell. Holidaymakers have signed contracts on the spur of the moment only to discover there is no cooling-off period in which to reconsider their decision. The same slice of property has even been sold over and over again.

However, there are steps that can be taken to minimize the risks. The golden rule is always to consult a solicitor. It is incredible that individuals who, if they were buying property in the UK, would not contemplate proceeding without seeking professional advice, but will quite happily do so when buying property abroad when the risks are that much greater.

It is important, however, to find a solicitor who has relevant experience. A list of these can be obtained from British embassies.

Other general tips are not to buy while on holiday without giving the matter proper consideration, not to be influenced by the offer of free gifts, and not to sign anything that has not been vetted by a solicitor.

Wherever possible investigate the financial status of the company and its track record. It is advisable to obtain bank references that will give an indication of the company's credit rating.

Extravagant claims are avoided

Another way of minimizing the risks is to check that the company is a member of a trade association. There are three of these operating in the timeshare industry. These are the European Holiday Timeshare Association (EHTA), the Timeshare Developers Group (TDG), and the British Property Timeshare Association (BPTA).

The BPTA particularly, has a well developed consumer protection wing. Membership is subject to the fulfilment of certain criteria and subsequent compliance with the association's code of ethics and rules.

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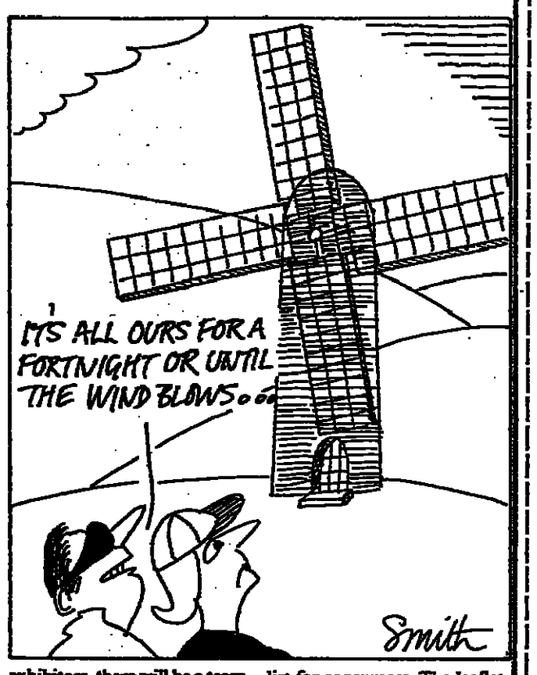
In addition, all members agree to provide a cooling-off period of five working days, during which time purchasers can reconsider their decision and withdraw from the contract without penalty.

There is also a Consumer Protection Committee, an independent body to which members of the public can make a formal complaint. Although its decisions are not legally binding, the BPTA is obliged to accept its recommendations — which may include the expulsion of a member.

For those thinking about purchasing a timeshare, a visit to the exhibition might prove worthwhile. In addition to the exhibitors, there will be a team of specialist solicitors and lawyers on hand to offer advice. The exhibition will be open between 10am and 7pm and admission is free.

Anyone seeking further information should obtain a copy of the recent Department of Trade and Industry's publication, *Your Place in the Sun*, which provides a checklist for consumers. The leaflet is available free of charge, from the Department of Trade and Industryt, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SWIH ONN (01-215 3344).

Also, from June onwards, *Timesharing — A Consumer Guide*, by Brian Wates, secretary of the BPTA, will be available, at £5.95.



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New M.O.R.I. survey reveals 67% of pensioners wish they had started to plan for retirement by the age of 55.

Money in a medieval hand of friendship

Although friendly societies have a long history from their 17th-century development out of the mediaeval guilds, many of the schemes they offer are relevant today and attractive to taxpayers as key ones are tax-exempt.

In the 1980 Finance Act Sir Geoffrey Howe doubled the premiums that a friendly society could accept at a time when it benefited from life assurance relief and all it investment income was free of both income and capital gains tax.

But the allowable premiums were small and the 1980 increase made them a favourite recommendation by accountants.

However, in the 1984 Finance Act, the restriction was placed to limit the sum per investor to £750 and £156 for annuities, while also removing life assurance premium relief. Several stopped taking new business, including St Andrews Life, Moneywise and the AA Friendly Society.

Increasingly, friendly societies are adapting their policies to new circumstances and campaigning for two changes in the Budget: to let tax-exempt policies be eligible for minors and to raise the limit to £5,000.

Graham Haughton, secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society, says that as trades unions can write tax-exempt policies up to £2,000, friendly societies should be able to accept at least this equivalent sum.

The Manchester, which has 1,100 branches, is currently challenging the Inland Revenue that tax-exempt status can be permitted for youngsters.

Many societies offer two types of policy – straightforward tax-exempt, and mixed (part tax-exempt, part taxable). The Manchester's mixed one is up to £5,000.

Family Assurance, based in Brighton, offers a similarly mixed policy but puts most of its marketing effort behind its tax-exempt bond.

The largest friendly society, the Foresters based in Southampton, has 176,000 members and was on the verge of launching a tax-exempt bond when the 1984 restrictions came in. It now offers several policies such as a 10-year endowment, hospital plan, permanent health policy and the like where the first £750 invested has appropriate tax relief. These are attractive and should be compared with other schemes for private health cover. Details are available on 0703 229655.

Every society is allowed to take new investors only if they are not already in a scheme, according to Revenue rules.

Tunbridge Wells Equitable, founded in 1881, compares the effect of investment on £1,000 in 1976 with income reinvested.

It says the level would be £2,137 in a building society, £6,247 in unit trusts and £7,893 in its investment trusts, all figures calculated to the end of August 1986.

The society was actually founded as a result of the sinking of *The Princess Alice* in 1878 with 700 losing their lives after a collision in the Thames.

The Homeowners, based in Harrogate, West Yorkshire, has more than 185,000 savers. Its High Return Plan, which costs £9 a month, yields a tax-free payment of £1,788 after 10 years. This is 10.33 per cent net, equivalent to 14.55 per cent gross.

As one of its alternatives, the Homeowners has a lump sum plan suitable for grandparents or godparents. An investment of £1,000 each makes around £10,000 for every grandchild in 21 years. Written in trust, this plan avoids all tax.

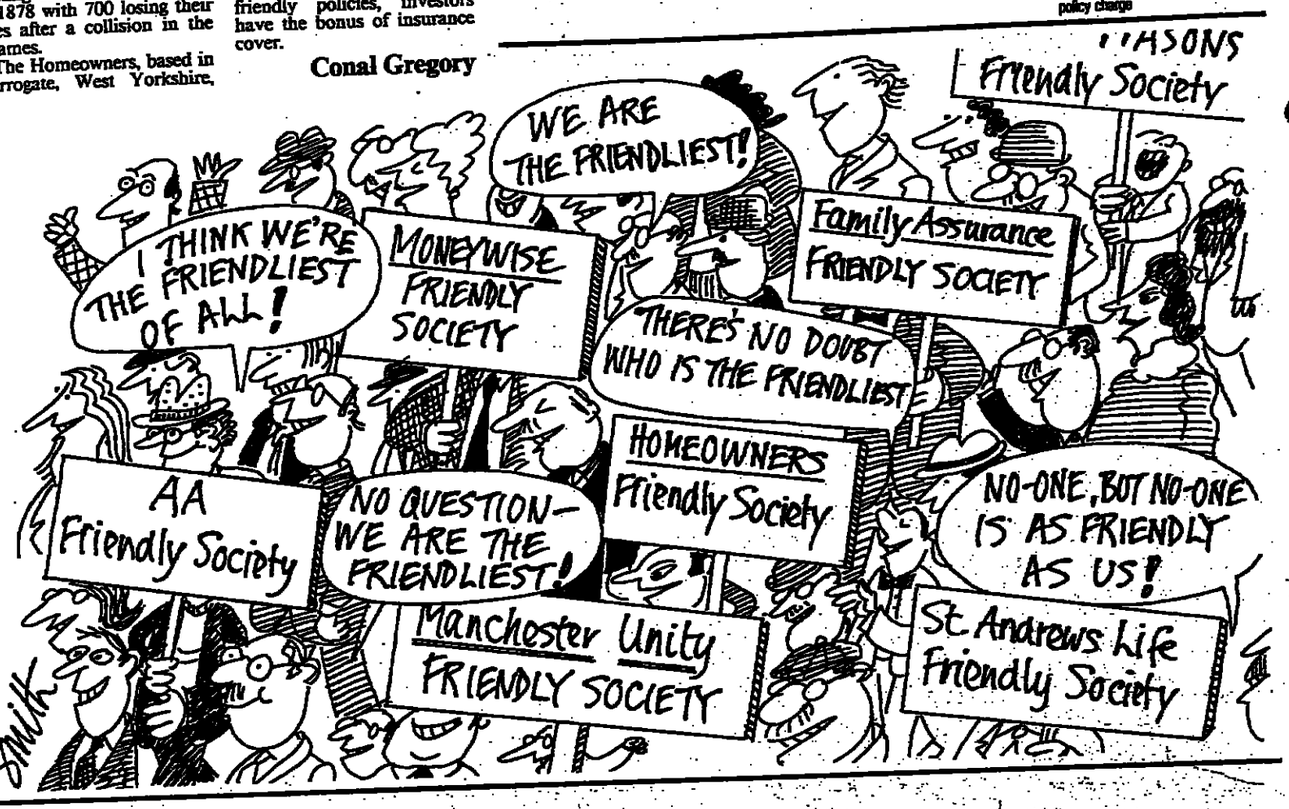
The only drawbacks for investors are the commitment over a term of 10 years under a friendly society policy and the fact that they lie outside the Policyholders' Protection Act. They do, however, come under the scrutiny of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, who makes a detailed annual report.

In addition to the important tax-exempt aspects of many friendly policies, investors have the bonus of insurance cover.

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Society	Investment	Policy	Charges
Family Assurance 0273 724570	£9/month or £100/year or annuity from Stalwart Assurance £800	Mew Fa,ily Bond invested in tax-exempt growth fund, managed in-house	65% of first year's premium 0.75% annual management plus £1.50 per month if monthly, 5% bid-offer spread
	£27/month £300 pa, no max	Total Investment Bond (part tax-exempt)	As above 105% of units invested if continued after 10 years
Fleet (inc New Life) 01-353 7528	50% tax-exempt; sum assured £1,500, £200 pa max	Fleet 1500 in Framlington unit trusts	£25 in first year; £15 pa in 2-10 years
Homeowners 0423 522070	£9/month or £100 pa or £1,000 single premium	High Return Savings Plan through Bradford & Bingley, Leed & Holbeck or Principality	5% pa for annual premiums, £8.04 for monthly payments
Lancashire & Yorkshire 0742 750077	£9/month or £100 pa or £803 with Royal Life. MLA-linked scheme can purchase Royal Life annuity for £803	Half in 'Capital Secure' fund, balance in wider range managed in-house. Mixed bonds with MLA and Scott Insurance funds	83% of first year's premium, 0.5% pa management charge, 2% bid-offer spread
Manchester Unity 061-832 9361	£9/month, £100 pa or £800 single premium	'Moneymaker' invested entirely in Northern Rock Building Society	7.5% pa
Tunbridge Wells Equitable 0892 41466	£27/month or £300 pa or £2,500 annuity	Beehive Bond (33.33% tax-exempt; inv trust through	66.66% of first annual premium, 0.75% pa management
	Kleinworth (Grieveson)	charge, £6 pa or	£1.05 per month policy charge
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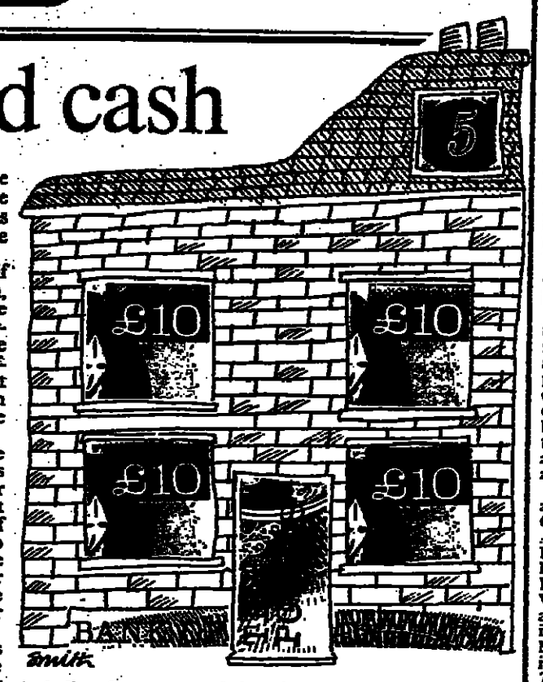
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FAMILY MONEY/11

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Plenty of groups, including Allied Dunbar, the Halifax and the Abbey National have home income plans providing you with a regular inflow of cash. They are based on a loan, where tax relief can boost what you receive every month. The snag is that the loan itself cannot be for more than £30,000, and you cannot go for a cash lump sum instead.

This week Hinton and Wild, the insurance brokers based in Surbiton, Surrey, who have always specialized in home income plans, launched a scheme that offers cash. It is based on the reversion principle, by which you sell the house, rather than raising funds based on its value.

There are plenty of reversion schemes — from Stalwart Insurance and Home Reversions among others — but they offer incomes, rather than a lump sum. This plan, to be run through Business Mortgages Trust, a licensed deposit-taking group based in Portsmouth, is one of the first national schemes of its kind.

The plan comes in two forms. The first offers you a lower cash sum than the other, but provides an extra injection of funds every four years The second gives you more money up front, but nothing at all after that.

Either way, people who take out the scheme can use the money for anything from a new car to a world cruise. What is more, because there is no link with tax relief people can use the full value of their properties — rather than being limited to loans of £30,000. That can make quite a difference, particularly in London and the South-East.

According to figures from Abbey National at the turn of the year, even the average house in Greater London was selling for £61,500.

The qualifying rules are very simple. You need a house worth at least £30,000, which is either freehold, or is on a lease with at least 65 years to run. What is more, it must be in good repair before you start.

There is an age qualification too. You cannot join the scheme unless you are at least 65 as a man or 68 as a woman, while couples need to have clocked up 135 years between them. The older you are at the start, the bigger the benefits will be, though men will always do better than women of the same age. But that is only to allow for the fact that

Inspection is carried out every four years

their life expectancy is three or four years shorter.

Surveyors inspect the house and once they have decided what the value of the property is, you receive a proportion of this, related to your age.

How do the benefits work out in figures? Assume you take out the full profit-sharing scheme on a house worth £50,000 as a man of 75. You will get an immediate cash sum of £22,500, which is 45 per cent of its value. After that, there will be an inspection every four years and once again, you will get 45 per cent of any increase in its value since the previous check.

A woman aged 75 on her own would get 42 per cent of the total value — or £21,000, and once again 42 per cent of any increase in value, at every later inspection.

The figures creep up with age. A single man of 80 would get half the value of his house initially, and half any increase in value at the four-yearly intervals, whereas a woman of the same age would get 48 per cent of the total, and a matching proportion later.

The final reckoning comes on death. When that happens, the surveyors come round to do a last inspection, and if the property has risen in value since the previous visit, the standard percentage that has applied throughout will be paid into your estate.

People often suspect that if they take out this kind of plan, fate will be there to strike them down very soon afterwards, if only to spite the family. The plan actually offers protection against that risk — at least if you die within three years of taking up the scheme.

If your demise occurs in the first 12 months, Business Mortgage Trust will pay 50 per cent of the initial sum it provided into your estate. If you die between one and two years after taking out the scheme, there will be a 30 per cent payment on the same basis, which drops to 15 per cent in year three.

Hinton and Wild believes most people will opt for the profit-sharing scheme, rather than for the alternative, which gives them more money immediately. The immediate benefits are certainly different. The man of 75 who collects only 45 per cent of his property in the profit-sharing scheme, will get 55 per cent under this alternative.

The four-year supplements are not the only benefit to disappear, though. There is no protection against the risk of early death either.

Whichever plan you adopt you remain responsible for keeping the house in good

You are responsible for the costs

repair. But what happens if you find the place becomes too much for you?

You can usually sell the house and then transfer the mortgage to the new property, though Business Mortgages Trust has to accept this. It will not want the new house to be worth more than the old one, but that should not be a problem for most people, because they will usually move into something smaller.

However, remember that you will be responsible for the costs of buying and moving, including the survey and the legal fees.

There may be extra benefits from the move. If the new house is worth less than the old, the company will make half-yearly payments to you for the rest of your life to allow for the difference.

Finally, if you leave the house but do not want to buy another — because you move in to live with the family or into an old people's home — Business Mortgages Trust will provide you with your final percentage of any increases in value since the last inspection, at least on the profit-sharing plan. If you have opted for the alternative scheme, with more cash initiallty, but no increments every four years, all is not lost. You receive 20 per cent of any increase in the property's value since you sold it.

Hinton and Wild makes the obvious point that extra funds could always end people's eligibility to any social security benefits they may receive. But there are other problems too, for in a sense Business Mortgages Trust wins either way.

The sooner you die, the faster the company collects its money. But the longer you live, the more of any increase in your property's value will go to the company. It may be as well to get a surveyor to give you some idea of what your house is worth before applying to the scheme — so you can argue the toss over values if need be.

The income schemes still have big attractions, for all their limitations. There are rumours that the Chancellor may raise the tax relief limit on a mortgage from £30,000 to £35,000 in his Budget next week — and that would obviously be a help. But a technical change for which the charities Age Concern and Help the Aged are both lobbying, would make far more difference.

Under present rules, the tax relief that makes the home income schemes so attractive applies only if the interest is paid during people's lifetimes. If the law was changed to allow relief on interest that was rolled up and paid from the estates after death, it could often double the income that the home income schemes can offer people.

The Chancellor is certain to be expansive with an election looming — and this small change would make an enormous difference to many elderly voters.

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Employer entitled to deduct pay over industrial action

Miles v Wakefield District Council

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman and Lord Oliver of Aylmerton

[Speeches March 12]

Where a superintendent registrar of births, deaths and marriages had refused, in pursuance of industrial action, to perform marriage ceremonies on Saturdays, the district council by which his salary was paid had been entitled to deduct three thirty-sevenths of his salary representing the three hours appertaining to Saturdays.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by Wakefield District Council from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Eveleigh dissenting) (*The Times* February 13, 1985; [1985] 1 WLR 822) who by a majority allowed an appeal by the registrar, Mr Henry Gladstone Miles, from Mr Justice Nicholls in the Chancery Division (*The Times* November 22, 1983; [1984] ICR 332) who had dismissed his claim for £774 deducted by the council in 1981 and 1982.

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC and Mr Michael R. Taylor for the council; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Antony White for the plaintiff.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that Mr Miles worked a 37-hour week, including three hours on Saturday morning. In 1981 and 1982, on instructions from his trade union, NALGO, he had refused to conduct weddings on Saturday morning, the most popular time for civil wedding ceremonies, although he had remained willing to perform other duties.

The union's object had been, by inconveniencing the public, to obtain publicity and support for its campaign in the interests of its members for a higher scale of salary to be paid to superintendent registrars.

By a letter of October 8, 1981, the council had made it clear to the registration officers that while they were not prepared to undertake the full range of their duties on Saturdays they were not required to attend for work and accordingly would not be paid. If the registrars attended at their offices on Saturdays that was entirely a matter for them.

Mr Miles now frankly conceded that in refusing to conduct weddings on Saturday he had acted in breach of his duties.

The council had deducted three thirty-sevenths of his salary while he had remained unwilling to conduct weddings on Saturdays, between August 1981 and October 1982, when the dispute had been settled.

Mr Miles's rights and obligations derived from the Registration Service Act 1953. He was paid by the council but could only be dismissed by the Registrar General. Under the local registration scheme, made by the council under the Act and approved by the Minister of Health, now the Secretary of State for Social Services, he had become entitled to a fixed salary and become bound to work a 37-hour week.

Thus his position was in many respects similar to that of an employee.

Mr Sedley had submitted that significance was to be attached to the fact that Mr Miles was not a servant under a contract of employment but the holder of an office.

In the olden days satirised by Dickens and Thackeray a gentleman appointed to an office, for example, in the Chancery Registry or in the Department of Circumlocution and Sealing Wax, had carried out his ill-defined duties at his leisure and pleasure.

It was unusual for the holder of an office to take industrial action, and the consequences would depend on the rights and obligations conferred and imposed on the office-holder by the terms of his appointment.

But if an ambassador and the embassy porter were both on strike then his Lordship would expect both to be liable to lose or both to be entitled to claim their apportioned remuneration attributable to the period of the strike. A judge and an usher on strike should arguably be treated in the same manner.

To decide the appeal it sufficed that there was no logical distinction between a superintendent registrar who was paid a weekly salary for a 37-hour week and a municipal dustman who was paid a weekly wage for a 37-hour week if both were on strike, both were supported by their unions and both claimed from the council payment in full of their salary and wages for the duration of the strike. Middle class morality must not be allowed to place Mr Dolittle in an inferior position in that respect.

The council was a public authority paying out public money for the purpose of securing a public service from a public official. The result of the local scheme and Mr Miles's appointment was that the council promised to pay Mr Miles his weekly salary determined from time to time under the scheme and Mr Miles promised to devote 37 hours each week to the due performance of his duties.

Mr Sedley had submitted that Mr Miles had been entitled to be paid for 37 hours if he had carried out his duties as a superintendent registrar (other than his marriage service duties) for three hours on Saturday and carried out all his duties as a superintendent registrar for 34 hours between Monday and Friday. Alternatively, he had been entitled to be paid for 37 hours if he had carried out his duties for 37 hours between Monday and Friday.

But Mr Miles had refused to conduct marriage services on Saturday because he had known that it was his duty to do so and that his refusal would cause serious inconvenience to the public he was paid to serve. He could not perform his Saturday duty of conducting marriage ceremonies by carrying out other tasks of a superintendent registrar on that day.

Nor could he perform his Saturday duty of conducting marriage ceremonies on that day by conducting marriage ceremonies on other days and by working for 37 hours between Monday and Friday. Between Monday and Friday he was only entitled to work 34 hours. On Saturday he was entitled to work for three hours but only if he was willing to conduct marriage ceremonies.

Mr Sedley had contended that unless a worker was dismissed he was nevertheless entitled to his full wages on the due date in each week, although the employer could recover damages in proceedings that would eventually result in a judgment.

But if the damages suffered by the employer were the wages for the lost hours it would be purposeless to require the employer to pay the wages and then to recover a like amount by way of damages.

If 10,000 workers earned £100 a week and went on strike for a week, no logical system of law would compel the employer to pay out £1 million at the end of the week and then to issue 10,000 writs against 10,000 defendants to recover £100 from each.

For the past two years, teachers had been engaged in sporadic strike action, usually on one day in a week. If Mr Sedley was right, educational authorities had to pay for strike days unless after each day's strike they issued dismissal notices.

To show that the educational authorities had no intention of ruining the educational system by insisting on dismissal, the dismissal notices would presumably have to be accompanied by reinstatement notices. That would finally submerge the teaching profession in paper.

It could not be right that an employer should be compelled to pay something for nothing whether he dismissed or retained a worker. In a contract of employment wages and work went together.

The employer paid for work and the worker worked for his wages. If the employer declined to pay, the worker need not work. If the worker declined to work, the employer need not pay.

In an action by a worker to recover his pay he had to allege and be ready to prove that he had worked or been willing to work. Wages were remuneration that had to be earned.

Different considerations applied to a failure to work through sickness or other circumstances that might be governed by express or implied terms or by custom.

In the present case, Mr Miles had disentitled himself for his salary for Saturday mornings because he had declined to work on Saturday mornings in accordance with his duty. He was in no better position than a worker under a contract of employment in declining to work in accordance with the duties of his office.

Lord Oliver delivered an opinion concurring in allowing the appeal; Lord Bridge and Lord Brightman delivered concurring opinions and Lord Brandon agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr J. W. F. Holt, Wakefield; Penelope Grant.

Stand-by supervision is sufficient for higher attendance allowance

Moran v Secretary of State for Social Services

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment March 13]

A disabled person who required throughout the day and night the constant presence of someone ready to intervene could, depending on the circumstances, satisfy the supervision condition in section 35(1) of the Social Security Act 1975 and be entitled to a higher attendance allowance.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the claimant, Dorothy Moran, from a decision of Mr Commissioner Penny, QC, dated April 30, 1986.

Section 35(1) provides: "A person shall be entitled to an attendance allowance if he satisfies prescribed conditions as to . . . presence in Great Britain and either — (a) he is so severely disabled physically or mentally that, by day, he requires from another person either . . . (ii) continual supervision throughout the day in order to avoid substantial danger to himself or others; or (b) he is so severely disabled physically or mentally that, at night, he requires from another person . . . (ii) continual supervision throughout the night in order to avoid substantial danger to himself or others."

Mr Richard Drabble for the claimant; Mr Ian Glick for the Secretary of State for Social Services.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that there were two rates of attendance allowance. The higher rate was payable to a person who satisfied both the daytime condition and the night-time condition. The lower rate was payable to a person who satisfied only one of those conditions.

The claimant suffered from epilepsy. On May 12, 1983 she became entitled, under a certificate issued by the attendance allowance board, to attendance allowance at the lower rate as a person who satisfied the day supervision condition.

A year later a further claim was made which was treated as a request for review of the claimant's case because of a change of circumstances, that is, that there had been an alteration in the frequency of the claimant's epileptic attacks.

The delegated medical practitioner decided that the claimant did not satisfy the night supervision condition and declined to revise the decision of May 12, 1983. The social security commissioner dismissed an appeal, holding that the decision on the review application was not wrong in law.

In deciding the claim the doctor followed observations made in the decision R(A)1/83 given on September 20, 1982 by a tribunal of commissioners. The present appeal concerned the correctness of those observations.

In decision R(A)1/83 the commissioners were concerned, as was the present appeal, with the meaning and application of the night supervision condition in the case of a person subject to epileptic attacks.

The commissioners observed that the supervision had to be continual and that supervision which was only occasionally or spasmodically required was insufficient.

They also said: "We do not consider that a person who might have to intervene in the event of an attack should be regarded as exercising supervision between attacks by reason only that he might have to intervene in the event of an attack".

In the present case the doctor gave effect to that view and Mr Commissioner Penny stated that he was bound by that paragraph and was obliged to follow it.

In his Lordship's judgment, the view expressed in decision R(A)1/83 could not be sustained as a general proposition. Given that supervision might be precautionary and anticipatory or presence on guard, there was no justification for drawing such a hard and fast distinction between, on the one hand, the position between attacks and, on the other hand, the position during attacks.

In each case the function of the other person was the same; standing by to intervene in case the epileptic needed attention. If presence for that purpose during an attack, when intervention might or might not be required, constituted supervision, why might not presence for the same purpose between attacks also be supervision?

Of course, if the sufferer had adequate warning of an impending attack, so that he or she could take steps to summon help, the position might be different.

It would all depend upon the particular facts of the case. In the present case there was no question of the claimant being in a position to summon aid.

In his Lordship's view, the natural meaning of "supervision" in its context in section 35(1) was not as restricted as that adopted by the commissioners in decision R(A)1/83. In his Lordship's view, depending on the circumstances, a person standing by to intervene in the event of an epileptic attack might, for that reason alone, be exercising supervision. It was a question of fact and degree in each case.

His Lordship would allow the appeal, the delegated medical practitioner having misdirected himself. The matter should be remitted to the attendance allowance board to reconsider the claimant's application for review in the light of the court's judgment.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; DHSS Solicitor.

Directions to jury in wrong order

Regina v Ashley

Where a jury returned at 3pm after a 2½-hour retirement and, in answer to a question, stated that they had not reached a unanimous verdict, a material irregularity occurred in the course of the trial when the judge gave them a general direction on reaching unanimity, as in *R v Walhein* ((1952) 36 Cr App R 167) before they were given a majority verdict direction.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Owen) so stated on February 12 in quashing the conviction of Stephen Ashley at Liverpool Crown Court (Judge Paterson and a jury) by a majority of 10 to 2 of wounding with intent. He had been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with one year suspended.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES said that the only point of the appeal was the time at which the judge chose to give a *Walhein* direction.

Their Lordships echoed and adopted the words of Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, in *R v Isequilla* ([1975] 1 WLR 716) in emphasizing that the *Walhein* direction was first used and approved when majority verdicts were impossible and its exact words might not always be appropriate in the changed circumstances that majority verdicts could be returned.

The jury in the present case who had first retired at 12.30pm, had not been in retirement for long in view of the issues involved and had not been given the ordinary majority direction before the *Walhein* direction. The jury, who returned to court with their verdict at 3.26pm might well have felt under pressure. The appeal was allowed.

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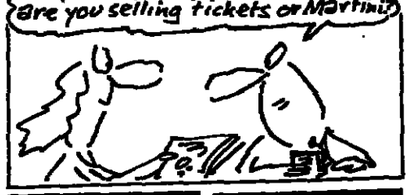
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RUGBY UNION: GAME HAS CHANCE TO SHOW ITS BRIGHTER SIDE A WEEK AFTER INFAMY AT THE ARMS PARK

Cup meetings can help beleaguered players repair the shop window

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

There are eight club or county competition fixtures being played in England today at which those who play or administer the game can encourage a reversal of the wave of distaste apparent throughout the week after the Wales-England international in Cardiff last weekend.

The responsibility lies, of course, with all the gate-taking clubs but obvious interest is centred around one John Player Special Cup quarter-final (which is also a merit match), five other John Smith's merit table matches and two Thorn EMI county championship semi-finals.

The letters and telephone calls received by the Rugby Football Union, the England selectors and at national newspaper offices reflect the damage done to the sport; there is nothing sadder for the long-term future of the game than to hear children say they do not want to watch a sport in which they have hitherto expressed unreserved enthusiasm.

The shop window having been smashed, the glaziers up and down the country must move into action. As far as the next England team (which will be chosen on March 23) is concerned, the selectors met on Thursday evening to hear their chairman, Michael Weston, express his views on a match which must have come as a desperately sad experience for one who has been involved in the game for 30 years. As far as the game's image is concerned, the short-term repairs can begin today.

Players and coaches must be aware of the additional responsibilities which are their's and however unwanted or unfair it may be, today's games are also a public relations exercise. Players will not analyse it thus far, perhaps, but at the backs of many minds will be the unconscious thought that there is another lighter, brighter side to be displayed.

Graham Willars, coach to the Leicester side that plays Bristol in the delayed cup tie at the Memorial Ground, believes there is an awareness of the need to compensate for last weekend's violent international. "It's always been our intention to entertain, even though the personnel in the side have changed since the beginning of the 1980s when we last won the cup," he said.

"The sort of attitude right at the beginning of the game at Cardiff was sickening. It's alright being aggressive but what happened was stupid."

Bristol will start favourites on a ground which has seldom been the scene of Leicester triumphs, in a game which will not only earn a semi-final cup place against Wasps but will count towards merit table A standings.

Richard Harding, who volunteered for second-team duty last weekend because he has spent so many weekends recently sitting on England's replacement bench, can exercise a mature influence behind the Bristol scrum with his developing Welsh partner, Gary Thomas, while Les Cusworth and Steve Kenney, who have shared so many cup wins in the past, will do the same at half back for Leicester.

Like Harding, the exciting Bristol full back, Jon Webb, can renew his pressure for an England place, in direct comparison with the old master, Dusty Hare, many aspects of whose game remain better than those of the full backs who have taken his place for England. With Roy Underwood playing for Yorkshire, Leicester have Colin Dexter on one wing and welcome Barry Evans back to the other, and Dean Richards plays No. 8 for the first time since January.

The England selectors will be represented at Bristol; they will also be present at the Reddings, doubtless eyeing the likes of Yorkshire's scrum half, David Holmes, the loose-head prop, Martin Whitcombe, and the assembled England representatives in Yorkshire's back division. The leading Anglo-Welsh clash between Bath and Swansea and Orrell's game with Headingley will also appeal.



Off the bench: Richard Harding's influence behind the scrum could give Bristol the edge

Irvine and Lawson are recalled by Heriot's

By Ian McLauchlan

Heriot's, who are hovering at the edge of relegation in the first division of the McEwan's National League, have recalled Andy Irvine to full back and their coach, Alan Lawson, to scrum half for today's game against Jed-Forest. It is a desperate move as Irvine has only played one first team match this season — in September — and Lawson none.

Also returning to the Goldenacre side is their captain, Kevin Rafferty, and his brother, Mark Rafferty, to wing forward. Jed-Forest are at full strength.

Gala, too, are at full strength against West of Scotland in the most vital game in the border club's history. Should they lose they are almost certain to be relegated.

At the top end of the table, the leaders, Hawick, travel to Boroughmuir minus Murray, Tomes, McGuigan and their captain Hogarth all of whom are injured. Boroughmuir are minus their captain, Edwards.

Kelso are at home to Stewart's/Melville and they will find this adifficult fixture. An exthralling back row battle in prospect.

Barbarians include All Blacks

Whatever the outcome of their county championship semi-final today, Cornwall's players have the chance of appearing in the prestige game at Redruth on March 28 against the New Zealand Barbarians, who arrive this weekend for their five-match tour (David Hands writes).

If they are successful, Cornwall will be able to treat it as a warm-up for the county final on April 11; if not, it will be an experience and a privilege for the Cornish to take the field against a side who include a dozen All Blacks in their playing party.

The tour begins with a floodlit game against Leicester on Wednesday and ends against the original Barbarians at Cardiff on April 1. It marks the golden jubilee of the New Zealand invitation club who will be managed by their president, Kevin Barry, a prop forward with Wilson Whineray's All Blacks in Britain in 1963. The coach is Peter Murdoch, a stand-off half capped five times by New Zealand in the mid-1960s.

The most experienced member of the playing party is Gary Whetton, the Auckland lock capped 21 times who has with him seven colleagues from the New Zealand party that toured France last October. Among them is David Kirk, who captains the Barbarians.

Height may not be enough to give Cornwall final place

By David Hands

It is 18 years since Cornwall appeared last in a county championship final but today they have the opportunity to amend that record when they play Middlesex at the Stoop Memorial ground in the semi-finals of this season's competition, sponsored by Thorn EMI. It is even longer since they won the championship — 1908 — while the other three of today's protagonists can all recall championship victories since the World War II.

But while Yorkshire look to have a good prospect of beating North Midlands at Moseley, Cornwall will have to overturn known form if they are to defeat Middlesex. The home side draw largely on two of London's most successful clubs this season, Harlequins and Wasps, and they are happy that one of their two internationals, Nick Stringer, has come through training this week and can take his place in the side.

When Middlesex selected their side they may have expected John Howe, the Saracens lock, to dominate the lineout standing as he does at 6ft 7in. But Cornwall are not short of height since Martin Haag, an England schools player last season, is 6ft 6in and Tony Cook, his second-row partner, only an inch shorter.

It will be Haag's championship debut, as it will for Ralph Tregoning, the Redruth hooker; he takes over from Mike Westren (Hayle) whose knee injury in a club match before Christmas may mean, sadly, that he will not play again.

Haag, aged 19, has been playing in St Ives's senior team this season and did well against the experienced John Widdecombe in the Tamar Cup match against Devon at the beginning of this month. Moreover Cornwall can expect considerable support judging by the number of coaches booked to travel.

"There's tremendous enthusiasm in the county for the game," Victor Phillips, their secretary, said yesterday. "We've sold half the stand tickets at the Stoop and if they're not to be outnumbered, the Middlesex supporters will have to stir themselves."

Rain is forecast for today which may inhibit the skills of the Middlesex three-quarters. It will be a pity if the weather has an adverse effect on either semi-final since the crowd at Moseley will enjoy watching Yorkshire's backs, given the opportunity.

Three of them are internationals and a fast, flowing game would be just the tonic for Rob Andrew, Mike Harrison and Rory Underwood after the malaise of Cardiff last weekend.

North Midlands showed immense determination in emerging from their group with the scalp of last season's champions, Warwickshire, but it is worth remembering what a Yorkshire side in full cry did to Lancashire back in October: they reduced the Red Rose to a flushed pink by winning 42-7.

The semi-finals will be refereed by England's two World Cup officials, Fred Howard at the Stoop Memorial ground, Roger Quittenton at the Reddings.

Derry to feel backlash

By George Ace

The decision by the selectors to omit Nigel Carr from the Ireland team to meet France in Dublin next Saturday has done City of Derry no favours in their AIB senior cup quarter-final at Branch Road this afternoon. Derry meet Ards who will have Carr on the open-side flank of the back row. And it will be an even more determined Carr in action than usual and that spells big problems for Derry.

The match of the round is at Eaton Park, where Ballymena, current league champions, take on the champions-elect, Instonians. Only a point separated the teams in their league fixture at Shane Park some weeks ago when a Keith Crossan try against a Philip Rainey penalty won the day for the Old Boys.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Coventry v L Scottish
Stuart Hall, plagued by injury this season, returns to Coventry's wing in this merit table A game in the absence of Saunders. Scottish play Campbell-Lamerton, normally a lock, at flanker.

Wasps v Sale
Wasps, bottom of merit table A, are weakened by the absence of their Middlesex players in the other table A game. Sale lose Tipping to Yorkshire.

R Park v Northampton
Park play Price at scrum half instead of Turner, who was late for training in midweek. Ripley returns to the back row and Renny plays loose-head.

L'pl-St Helens v Bedford
A win for the home side, who have Hale and Hughes back in the team, would lift them into third place in table B. Bedford will play Wright at lock if he has recovered from influenza.

L Welsh v Blackheath
Stuart Russell returns to his normal place at No. 8 for Welsh, who play Rodliffe at lock and bring in Lewis, the former Welsh Schools player, as a flanker. O'Leary makes his debut at stand-off half for the Club.

Nottingham v Ebbw Vale
Sean Wordley, the Welsh Universities prop, makes his debut for Nottingham, who are without the injured Ward.

Waterloo v Harlequins
Harlequins travel without Rose and Salmon, who have business commitments. Cramb makes his first appearance of the season at stand-off half.

HOCKEY

Three Scots leave Great Britain training squad

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain training weekend continues at Lilleshall today without three Scottish players, Ross Cowan, Kevin Knapp and Donald McFarlane, who have been withdrawn by the Scottish Hockey Association and will not be available for the period of March to August this year.

The Scots have stated that of their four players invited for training with the British squad only goalkeeper, Pappin, is available and that the position of the other three will be reviewed after the European championships in Moscow, starting on August 20, where the four home countries will be taking part separately.

The temporary loss of the three Scots restricts Britain's choice of younger players for the international invitation tournament starting at Ipoh, Malaysia, on April 14, for which it is intended to send a mixed selection of senior and junior players. It also means that Pappin, if selected, will be the only Scottish player in the Great Britain side for the Champions Trophy tournament, starting on June 18 in Amsterdam.

Hounslow, whose hopes of regaining the Hockey Association Cup have been revived — they meet Warrington in the fourth round on March 22 — are playing the Army, the Services' champions, at Feltham School tomorrow. Hounslow, however, are without Clift, Pappin, Potter, Grimley and Rees who are at Lilleshall and Nick Gordon, who is playing for the Army.

Although Dixon and Swayne are also not available, Hounslow still have a sound stock of experienced players including Meakins, James Gordon, Diamond, Alcock and Parmi Soor, who together with other reserves could prove a match for the Army.

Slough are at home to Southgate today in the premier division of the Pizza Express London League and the result could have a bearing on the championship. Slough have lost Barber to the British training squad and Southgate will be without Spray for the same reason.

Exeter University and Isca have a chance to gain valuable points in the race for the premier division championship in the Sunlife West League. Isca are at home to Plymock and Exeter University are at Cheltenham.

BASKETBALL

Last to relinquish role as BCP London coach

By Nicholas Harling

Win or lose at Wembley next month, sponsor or no sponsor, BCP London, the last of the National Championship play-off finalists to secure their place, will have to find themselves a new coach for next season.

David Last, part-time organizer of the annual World Invitation Club Championships, part-time director of BCP and full-time financial director of a family advertising agency, has decided that as coach he has one cap too many to wear.

It was after his squad's 118-102 win over Leicester in Thursday's decisive quarter-final at Crystal Palace that Last revealed: "There's no way I'm going to coach next year. I've just filled in and I've enjoyed it. But to do this properly, you've got to do it five nights a week. I like to play squash and to see my wife every now and again."

When Last took over in November at the request of the players of the newly amalgamated club, it was the first time he had coached a men's team since Crystal Palace's triumph over the now defunct Embassy at Wembley 11 years ago, although he has since coached the Palace women.

At Wembley on April 3, BCP will meet HFS Portsmouth in the first semi-final, with the winners going forward to meet either Polycell Kingston or Sharp Manchester United in the following day's final.

Unlike BCP, all three other finalists are, as their names imply, sponsored, a situation that Last hopes may have changed come the big day. "We're the only team that's available and as we're going to win it, they may as well get the champions while they're about it," he confidently predicted.

For much of Thursday's game, though, it seemed as if BCP might not beat Leicester, never mind win at Wembley, until Last's interval outburst when they trailed 57-56. The consequence was that Leicester fell apart to a revival inspired by BCP's two Americans. "Go City Bus," proclaims the slogan on Leicester's shirts, but judging from the way they were outmanouevered for rebounds, Leicester needed to stand on a bus not travel by one.

SWIMMING

Leeds a good home bet

By Roy Moor

Adrian Moorhouse, Britain's swimmer of the year, today takes the plunge for his Leeds team in the newly instituted national long-course club championships at his home town's Olympic-size pool.

Winners of the men's and the women's titles will qualify to represent Britain in the first European Community championship in the same pool on April 11 and 12.

Leeds, with Tony Day also outstanding in recent weeks, must be rated favourites, although Kelly College, with the freestyler, Mark Foster, heading impressive all-round strength, are capable of a close challenge. Birmingham, whose Nick Gillingham will provide the main threat to Moorhouse in the breastroke events, are also strongly represented.

Kelly College can be expected to figure prominently among the women, but Stockport with Britain's international stalwart, Caynor Stanley, to call on, could be the biggest threat.

FINALISTS: Men: Warrender Leeds, Salford, Birmingham, Torfaen, Kelly College, Portsmouth and Newcastle. Women: Cumbernauld, Newcastle, Stockport, Nova Centurion, Norwich Penguin, Cardiff, Kelly College and Southampton.

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO WEEKEND SPORT

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FA Cup
Sixth round
Arsenal v Watford
Sheffield Wed v Coventry

Scottish FA Cup
Fifth round
Clydebank v Dundee
Dundee United v Forfar
Hearts v Motherwell
Raith v St Mirren

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Sutton U
Barnet v Cheltenham
Bath v Boston
Dagenham v Kettering
Gateshead v Telford
K'minster v Maidstone
Northwich v Welling
Nuneaton v Runcorn
Scarboro v Enfield
Stafford v Weymouth

Vauxhall-Opel League
Premier division
Barking v Slough
Carshalton v Hitchin
Dulwich v Worthing
Hayes v Croydon
Hendon v Bromley
Kingstonian v Farnborough
Walthamstow v Windsor
Wokingham v B Stortford
Wycombe v Harrow
Yeovil v Tooting

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Basingstoke; Bedworth v Gosport; Bromsgrove v Fareham; Cambridge City v Salisbury; Crawley v Redditch; Dartford v Chelmsford; Dudley v Worcester (at Bilston); Folkestone v Witney; King's Lynn v Fisher; Shepshed v Corby; Willenhall v Alvechurch.
Midland division: Coventry Sporting v Gloucester; Forest Green v Leamington; Hednesford v Halesowen; Leicester United v Buckingham; Moor Green v Bilston; Rushden v Mile Oak; Stourbridge v Bridgnorth; Sutton Coldfield v Grantham; VS Rugby v Banbury; Wellingborough v Merthyr Tydfil. Southern division: Chatham v Cammell; Dorchester v Ashford; Dover v Andover; Poole v Dunstable; Shepperey v Woodford; Thanet v Erith and Belvedere; Tonbridge v Gravesend and Northfleet; Trowbridge v Ruislip; Waterlooville v Hastings.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Billericay v Wembley; Boreham Wood v Leatherhead; Bracknell v Tilbury; Epsom and Ewell v Stevenage; Hampton v Uxbridge; Maidenhead United v Leyton Wingate; Oxford City v Walton and Hersham; Southwick v Basildon; Staines v Leytonstone Ilford. Second division north: Barton v Rainham; Berkhamsted v Vauxhall Motors; Chesham v Ware; Cheshunt v Tring; Hanwgey v Saffron Walden; Hertford v Aveley (3.30); Haybridge v Harlow; Hornchurch v Clapton; Royston v Letchworth GC; Wealdstone v Hemel Hempstead; Wolverton v Collier Row. Second division south: Camberley v Hassfield; Chertsey v Chatham St Peter; Eastbourne United v Hungerford; Flackwell Heath v Feltham; Marlow v Egham; Molesey v Banstead; Newbury v Horsham; Petersfield v Ruislip Manor; Woking v Whyteleafe.
DURHAM CUP: Semi-final: Brandon v Coundon. Semi-final replay: Bishop Auckland v Ryhope.

First division
Everton v Southampton
Leicester v Charlton
Luton v Manchester Utd
Manchester C v Chelsea
Oxford v Liverpool
QPR v Nottingham F
West Ham v Norwich

Scottish premier division
Aberdeen v Celtic
Rangers v Hamilton

ESFA U15 INTERNATIONAL: England v West Germany (at Wembley Stadium).
BASS IRISH CUP: Second round: Ards v Larne; Bangor v Coleraine; Glentoran v Glenavon; Newry v Cliftonville.
ROADFERRY IRISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Ballymena v Milford Everton; Banbridge v Linfield; Carrick v Dungannon; Crusaders v Queen's University; Distillery v UU, Jordanstown.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Oldham (2.0).
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Crook v South Bank; Easington v Tow Law; Farnyhill v Blyth Spartans; Gretna v Spennymoor; Hartlepool v Consett; Peterlee v Bedlington; Whitby v Chester le Street.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Thackley; Bentley VW v Ponteefract; Bridlington v Armthorpe; Eastwood Hanley v Boston; Emley v Bridlington Trinity; Farsley v Denby; Long Eaton v Alfreton; North Ferriby v Guisley.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Kirkby; Bootle v St Helens; Clitheroe v Rossendale; Curzon Ashton v Burscough; Eastwood Hanley v Fleetwood; Glossop v Winsford; Leyland Motors v Leek (3.15); Netherfield v Stalybridge; Penrith v Congleton; Radcliffe v Irlam (3.15).
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Barrow v Hyde; Macclesfield v Horwich; Oswestry v Mossley; Rhyl v Gainsborough; South Liverpool v Buxton; Witton v Buxton; Workington v Caernarfon; Workzop v Bangor.
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey v Desborough; Baldock v Potton; Bourne v Raunds; Brackley v St Neots; Eynesbury v Northampton Spencer; Holbeach v Long Buckby; Irthlingborough v S and L Corby; Rothwell v Stotfold; Stamford v Ampthill; Wootton v Spalding.
NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: North Shields v Newcastle Blue Star; Whitley Bay v Newcastle United.

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Yonex All England championships (at Wembley Arena).
BOWLS: Mixed pairs indoor championship finals (at Darlington).
BOXING: Tournament: Elephant and Castle centre.
GOLF: President's Putter semi-finals (at Rye); Berkhamsted Trophy.
ICE SKATING: Skate Electric British challenge: Midlands division (at Deeside rink).
RACKETS: Open singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
ROWING: Women's Head of the River (at Putney).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Matchroom league (at Woodford SC, Hull).
SQUASH RACKETS: Bedfordshire women's open (at Millcourt SC, Flitwick).
SWIMMING: British Club team finals (at Leeds).

Second division
Barnsley v Brighton
Blackburn v Stoke
C Palace v Birmingham
Derby v Shrewsbury
Grimsby v WBA
Huddersfield v Sheffield Utd
Ipswich v Bradford
Millwall v Oldham
Reading v Hull
Sunderland v Plymouth

Scottish first division
Airdrie v E Fife
Clyde v Dunfermline
Montrose v Kilmarnock
Morton v Brechin
Queen of Sth v Partick

Scottish second division
Ayr v St Johnstone
Berwick v Alloa
Cowdenbeath v Stranraer
Meadowbank v Arbroath
Stenhsmuir v Queen's Park
Stirling v Albion

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL CUP: Finals (at Crystal Palace NSC): Under 15 girls: Alderman Derbyshire (Nottinghamshire) v Portsmouth Heatseal (10.0). Under 15 boys: Lycée francaise (London) v Malory (London) (11.0). Under 16 girls: Alderman Derbyshire v Greenhill (Rochdale) (2.0). Junior men: Portsmouth Heatseal v Atlas Wessex (Poole) (4.0). Senior women: Sale (Cheshire) v Ashcombe (Surrey) (6.0).

Third division
Bolton v Rotherham
Bournemouth v Bury
Bristol C v Newport
Carlisle v Gillingham
Darlington v Doncaster
Mansfield v Chester
Notts Co v Blackpool
P Vale v Bristol R
Walsall v Middlesbrough
York v Brentford

BASKETBALL
BRITISH MASTERS: Second elimination round (8.0): Leicester Riders v Aberdare; BPCC Rams Derby v Alphaprint Hemel and Watford; BCP London v Draper Tools Solent Stars (at Uxbridge); Birmingham Heartbeat 86 v HFS Portsmouth.
NATIONAL TROPHY (men): Final: Oldham Celtics TVS v Just Rentals Rhondda (8.0).
JUNIOR LEAGUE: Play offs: Semi-finals (at Birmingham A): Sharp manchester United v East London Royals (7.0); Team Polycell Kingston v Lambeth Junior Topcats (9.0).

HANDBALL
INTERNATIONAL CUP: Classification round: Men (at Pendlebury RC, Salford): Wales v Ireland (12.30); England v Scotland (1.30); Wales v Scotland (2.30); England v Ireland (3.30); Scotland v Ireland (4.30); England v Wales (5.30). Women (at Crossel RC, Salford): England v Ireland (12.30); Scotland v Wales (1.30); England v Wales (2.30); Scotland v Ireland (3.30); Wales v Ireland (4.30); England v Scotland (5.30).

Fourth division
Aldershot v Preston
Cardiff v Colchester
Exeter v Hereford
Northampton v Cambridge
Peterborough v Hartlepool
Rochdale v Lincoln
Torquay v Scunthorpe (7.30)
Wolverhampton v Swansea
Wrexham v Orient

HOCKEY
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford v Broxbourne; Bury St Edmunds v Norfolk Wanderers; Ford v Chelmsford; Peterborough Town v Ipswich; Westcliff v Harlaston Magpies.
WOMEN: International match: Ireland v Scotland (at Dublin).
Tournament: Nat West Bank U21 territorial (at Coldham's Common, Cambridge).

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers v Nottingham Panthers (6.30); Durham Wasps v Dundee Rockets (1.0); Fife Flyers v Ayr Bruins (7.15); Murrayfield Racers v Streatham Redskins (6.30); Whitley Warriors v Solihull Barons (6.30). First division: Blackpool Seagulls v Swindon Wildcats (7.30); Lee Valley Lions v Glasgow Eagles (5.0); Slough Jets v Medway Bears (5.45); Telford Tigers v Sunderland Chiefs (7.0).

LACROSSE
BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Urmston; Boardmans and Eccles v Heaton Mersey; Mellor v Cheadle; Old Hulmeians v Old Stopfordians.
LANCASHIRE CUP: Final: Old Waconians A v William Hulme's GS (at Timperley LC).

RUGBY UNION
THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Semi-finals
Middlesex v Cornwall (at Stoop Memorial Ground)
North Midlands v Yorkshire (at Moseley)

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Quarter-final
Bristol v Leicester (2.30)

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A
Coventry v London Scottish
Wasps v Sale

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B
Liverpool St H v Bedford
London Welsh v Blackheath (2.45)
Rosslyn Park v Northampton (2.30)

CLUB MATCHES
Bath v Swansea
Bridgend v Aberavon
Broughton Park v Fylde
Cross Keys v Lydney
Gosforth v W Hartlepool
Hull and ER v Roundhay
Llanelli v Moseley
London Irish v Nuneaton
Metropolitan Police v Stroud
Neath v Maesteg
Newbridge v Cheltenham
Newport v Pontypridd
Northern v Saracens
Nottingham v Ebbw Vale
Orrell v Headingley
Pontypool v Cardiff
Preston G v Birmingham
Richmond v Gloucester
Sheffield v Kendal
South Wales Police v Plymouth
Tredegar v Penarth
Vale of Lune v Durham City
Wakefield v Morley
Waterloo v Harlequins
Wrexham v Rugby

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division
Ayr v Edinburgh Acads
Boroughmuir v Hawick
Gala v West of Scotland
Heriot FP v Jed-Forest
Kelso v Stewart's Melville FP
Melrose v Glasgow Acads
Watsonians v Selkirk

ESSO YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: Wales v France (at Swansea).
AIB SENIOR CUP: Quarter-finals: City of Derry v Ards. Ballymena v Instonians. Bangor v CIYMS. Dungannon v Coleraine.
CLUB MATCH: Malone v Academy.
TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Maidstone v Askeans; Sidcup v US Portsmouth; Thurrock v Streatham-Croydon.
BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Basingstoke v Salisbury; Maidenhead v Newbury; Marlow v Havant.
GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Colchester v West Norfolk; North Walsham v Woodford; Upminster v Chelmsford.
HUNTING GATES HERTFORDSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Bishop's Stortford v Hemel Hempstead; Eton Manor v Bury St Edmunds; Fullerians v Cheshunt; Letchworth v Harpenden; Old Verulamians v Old Albanians.
BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Canterbury v Tonbridge.
FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Hendon v Osterley; Ruislip v Mill Hill.
TRUMAN OLD BOYS MERIT TABLE: KCS Old Boys v Old Reedonians.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Barnet v Old Wesleyans; Chiltern v Bedford Athletic; Civil Service v Upper Clapton; Crawley v Warlingham; Eastleigh v Alton; Guildford and Godalming v Beckenham; London Scottish Ex 1st v Sussex; New Ash Green v Greenwich; Norwich v Ipswich; Old Elthamians v Dartfordians; Old Emanuel v Old Meadhillians; Oxford v Esher; Purley v Westcombe Park; Redangeslans v Oxford Old Boys; St Mary's Hospital v Old Merchant Taylors; Tabard v Old Gaytonians; Welwyn v Harrow; Westleigh v Stockwood Park.
BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Divonians v Hereford.
GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Barker's Butts v Wigston; Towcestrians v Banbury.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Stafford v Wolverhampton.
MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Erdington v Handsworth; Veseyans v Old Halesonians.
MIDLANDS: Club matches: Bridgnorth v Oldham; Bromsgrove v St Paul's College; Burton v Barry Hill; Chesterfield v Sutton Coldfield; Derby v Lincoln; Droitwich v Spartans; Grimsby v Newark; Kenilworth v Oswestry; Kidderminster Carolians v Dudley Kingswinford; King's Norton v Evesham; Ludlow v Aston OE; Lutterworth v Long Eaton; Newport (Salop) v Warley; Nuneaton OE v Loughborough; Old Coventrians v Old Leamingtonians; Old Newtonians v Old Bosworthians; Old Sthellians v Old Saltleians; Old Wheatleyans v South Leicester. Sheffield Tigers v Stoneygate; Stamford v Moderns; Stourbridge v Bridgwater and Albion; Stratford v Reading; Telford v Keresley; Vipers v Syston; Walsall v Taunton; Westleigh v Stockwood Park; Weston-super-Mare v Solihull; Wrexham v Newbold; Worcester v Stoke; Yardley v Redditch.
GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Davenport v Wirral; Widnes v West Park; Wigan v Wigton. Second division: Caldy v Workington.
NORTH: Club matches: Barnsley v Bridlington; Beverley v Acklam; Blackburn v Sedgley Park; Bramley v Old Crossleyans; Chester v Southport; Chesterfield v Sutton Coldfield; De La Salle v Leigh; Driffield v Doncaster; Eccles v Boredon; Grimsby v Wath-on-Dearne; Heaton Moor v Bradford and Bingley; Hemsworth v Ilkley; Hessle v BP Chemicals; Hullensians v Hull University; Keighley v Alnwick; Leodensians v Airebronians; Littleborough v Sandbach; Mariist v Stockton; Old Hymerians v Ionians; Old Modernians v Moortown; Old Otliensians v Baildon; Pocklington v West Park Bramhope; Pontefract v Cleckheaton; Preston Grasshoppers v Bermingham; Rotherham v Sandal; Roundheglans v Castleford; Selby v Scunthorpe; Sheffield Tigers v Stoneygate; Skipton v Bradford Salem; Thornensians v Ripon; Winnington Park v Rochdale; Yarnbury v Wetherby.

RUGBY LEAGUE
SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: St Helens v Leigh (at Wigan, 2.15).
COLTS CUP: Final: Barrow v St Helens (at Wigan, 12.35).

TOMORROW

FA Cup
Sixth round
Wigan v Leeds (12.0)
Wimbledon v Tottenham (2.35)

FA SUNDAY CUP: Semi-finals (11.0): Avenue (Birkenhead) v Canada (Liverpool) (at St Helens FC); Lodge Cottrell (Birmingham) v Lee Chapel North (Basildon) (at Willenhall FC).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham v Redditch (11.30).

RUGBY UNION
JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B: Gosforth v Saracens.
CLUB MATCH: Waterloo v Fylde.
WHITBREAD FREMLINS KENT CUP: Semi-final: Blackheath v Maidstone (at US Chatham RFC, 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow v Salford (2.30); Halifax v Wigan; Hull KR v Warrington; Leeds v Hull; Oldham v Bradford; Wakefield v Widnes (3.30). Second division: Bramley v Batley (3.30); Dewsbury v Sheffield (3.30); Doncaster v Workington; Hunslet v Fulham (3.30); Keighley v Mansfield (3.15); Runcorn v Carlisle; Swinton v Blackpool; York v Whitehaven.

LACROSSE
REGIONAL TROPHY: Lancashire v Southern Counties (at Didsbury CC).

BASKETBALL
BRITISH MASTERS: Second elimination round: Team Polycell Kingston v Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates (3.0).
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (women): Play offs: Semi-finals: Avon Northampton v Stockport Louvolite (3.30); BCP London v London YMCA (4.0).
JUNIOR LEAGUE: Play offs (at Birmingham A): Third place match (2.0); final (4.0).

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Streatham Redskins (7.0); Dundee Rockets v Whitley Warriors (7.0); Nottingham Panthers v Fife Flyers (6.30). First division: Medway Bears v Glasgow Eagles (5.15); Oxford City Stars v Bournemouth Stags (5.30); Peterborough Pirates v Lee Valley Lions (5.30); Richmond Flyers v Southampton Vikings (5.45); Trafford Metros v Irvine Wings (5.45).

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL CUP: Finals (at Crystal Palace NSC): Under 16 boys: Portsmouth Heatseal v Atlas Wessex (Poole) (10.0). Junior women: Portsmouth Heatseal v Bradford Mythbreakers (1.0). Senior men: Malory (London) v Redwood Lodge (Bristol) (3.0).

CRICKET
FOSTER'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Northern zone: Rochdale v Sheffield; Warrington v Hull; Derby v Manchester. Midland zone: Nuneaton v Wellingborough; Peterborough v Leicester; Walsall v Cradley Heath. Southern zone: Fareham v Hounslow; Totton v Tottenham.

HOCKEY
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England U16 v Midlands U21 (at Bisham Abbey).
COUNTY MATCHES: Lincolnshire v Leicestershire (at Appleby Frodingham); Lincolnshire U21 v Leicestershire U21 (at Appleby Frodingham).
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Tulse Hill v Blackheath; Wimbledon v Purley.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Norfolk Wanderers v Cambridge City.
McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Lyons; Bognor v Tunbridge Wells; Old Tauntonians v East Grinstead. Oxford Hawks v Chichester. Kent/Sussex: Herne Bay v Gravesend.
CLUB MATCHES: Cannock v North Stafford; Coventry and NW v Stratford; Droitwich v Kidderminster; Mossley Hill v Stone; Pickwick v Bromsgrove; Shifnal Magpies v Wrombourne; Stafford v GEC Stafford; Sutton Coldfield v Birmingham Munyopat; West Derby v Leek; Worcester v Old Wulfrunians.
WOMEN: Nat West Bank U21 territorial tournament (at Coldham's Common, Cambridge).

TABLE TENNIS
SCHILDKROT BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ormesby v Omaga Reading; Rotherham v Stoelstock Wolverhampton; MES St Neots v Butterfly Cardiff; Pensgrumo Bath v Grove. First division: Trebor Dagenham v TCB Dolphins; Express Torbay v TSP Larkhall; Omaga Claw v Byker Newcastle; Chan Construction v West Warwicks Birmingham.

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Dairy Crest invitation meeting (at Cosford).
BADMINTON: Yonex All England championships (at Wembley Arena).
BOWLS: Mixed pairs indoor championship finals (at Darlington).
DARTS: Haywards Foods British international championship: Wales v England (at St David's Hall, Cardiff).
EQUESTRIAN: Horse trials: Dynes Park; West Park; Aldon, Somerset.
MOTO-CROSS: British championship: First round (at Mortimer).
MOTOR SPORT: Lucas British Formula three championship: (at Thruxton Circuit, 1.30). Shell Oils international rallycross (at Brands Hatch, 12.30).
RACKETS: Open singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
REAL TENNIS: World championship final eliminator (at Queen's Club, West Kensington, 11.0).
ROAD RUNNING: Addidas/Mars Half marathon series (Bath, 11.0).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Matchroom league (at Mansfield).
SQUASH RACKETS: Bedfordshire women's open (at Millcourt SC, Flitwick).
UNIVERSITY GAMES: Grant Thornton outdoor challenge: Leeds v Bradford (10.30).

HANDBALL
INTERNATIONAL CUP: Finals: Men: Third place match (12.0); final (4.0). Women: Third place match (10.0); final (2.0) (at Pendlebury RC, Salford).
BRITISH LEAGUE: Strathclyde University v Wakefield (3.30).

OTHER SPORT
ATHLETICS: Dairy Crest invitation meeting; Cosford. ITV: 5pm.
CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING: British welterweight championship: Kirkland Lang (Nottingham) v Sylvester Mittoe (London). Elephant and Castle LC, London. ITV: 2.45pm
GRANDSTAND: Football focus; Skating: World figure championships, Cincinnati; Moto-cross: Sealink British Franres Early Bird; Racing: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.30 races from Chepstow; Water Polo: Portobello v London Polytechnic; Gymnastics: Ron Pickering feature; Ice Hockey: Durham Wasps v Dundee Rockets: Rugby League: Silk Cut cup action; Final score: 4.40pm. BBC1: 12.15-5.05pm.
RACING: 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races from Sandown Park. C4: 1.35pm.
MATCH OF THE DAY: FA Cup sixth round highlights. BBC1: 10.25pm.
SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV: 12.05pm. Results services 4.45pm.
SKATING: World figure championships, Cincinnati. ITV: 12.30pm. BBC2: 5.05pm.

SPORT ON TV

TOMORROW
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INTERNATIONAL DARTS: Haywards Foods British international championships: Wales v England, C

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RACING: FISHER'S VERSATILE CAMPAIGNER CAN PAY TRIBUTE TO CHAMPION HURDLER BY CAPTURING SANDOWN'S IMPERIAL CUP

Ballydurrow tuned to concert pitch

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

On ground that he should relish, *Ballydurrow can draw further attention to See You Then's chance of winning the Champion Hurdle a third time at Cheltenham next Tuesday by capturing the William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown Park today.*

Roger Fisher's good versatile 10-year-old has already run one mighty race over today's course and distance this season, finishing second in a similar event, the Mecca Bookmakers Hurdle, at the end of November.

Following a well deserved mid-winter break, he reappeared at Kelso towards the end of last month, winning easily before going on to finish second to See You Then at Haydock eight days ago. Those two races should have brought him to concert pitch for this afternoon's trial of strength.

On their Mecca running, Ballydurrow has the beating of Yabis, who in turn is weighted to get his revenge on Neblin, who beat him into fourth place in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last month.

Nevertheless, I still expect Yabis to run a big race this afternoon and hopefully fill second slot behind Ballydurrow.

Taelos, if he adapts to hurdling again after a spell steeplechasing, Terryash, Fuego Boy, and Easter Lee look the pick of the remainder although I concede that Polar Bear would have a big chance at his formidable best of two seasons ago.

On ground that still looks like being good or, at worst, just on the soft side, Backstreet Guy is napped to win the Sandown Open Handicap Chase. Yesterday, the state of the going was a prerequisite before his trainer, Nicky Henderson, finally declared this promising eight-year-old who gets into the race unpenalized for winning his last race on similar ground.

While the top weight, Plundering, who has already won a Whitbread Gold Trophy on the course, will also relish good going, Claude Monet, the likely pace setter, could easily find it a bit too lively.

The ground at Doncaster is also the governing factor in suggesting that David Nicholson and Richard Dunwoody could win three races there with Bigsun (3.15), Condicote Boy (3.45) and Rouspeter (4.45).

After Bigsun had won over this same course and distance a fortnight ago, Nicholson was the first to attribute his much-improved showing to the ground.

While conditions underfoot will certainly help the Grand National entry Gleenrue to put his best foot forward in the Bawtry Handicap Chase, I still feel that he will do well to give 12lb to Rouspeter.

At Chester, there promises to be a fine race for the Top Rank Hurdle between Mister Point and Convinced, although neither Christian Schad or Intuition are exactly out of it.

While the former Pulborough inmate Convinced has been colossally impressive in his two races for Martin Pipe, I still feel that it goes against the grain to oppose Mister Point, who did well for a beginner to split those seasoned campaigners Stepaside Lord and Aonoch in the City Trial Hurdle at Nottingham last month.

At Ayr, The Divider looks to have an outstanding chance of winning the Scottish Farm Dairy Foods Chase and so record his fifth win on the track.

● **Drops O'Brandy**, who ran second in an amateur riders' handicap at Worcester 10 days ago, makes his hunter chase debut at Doncaster today (Brian Beel writes). His racecourse experience should hold him in good stead in the Yorkshire Hunters' Chase.

Scudamore poised to build on Festival breakthrough

By John Dorman

Peter Scudamore is looking forward to next week's Festival meeting at Cheltenham with great anticipation, and none of the pressure he has felt in recent years.

"I love the meeting", said the champion jockey. "Its getting better all the time and it's superbly run. The majority of races are championship events, and the atmosphere is great. I thoroughly enjoy riding there."

Until last March, Scudamore had yet to ride a winner at the Festival, and it was beginning to get to him. "Yes," he agrees, "I did feel the pressure of not riding a winner there. I said to myself that it wasn't getting to me, but in the end it was.

"I made a few mistakes round there, but most of the time the horses simply weren't good enough. I think one is very lucky to be able to ride a Festival winner because it's so difficult."

His biggest disappointment at Cheltenham was the defeat of Broadsword in the 1981 Triumph Hurdle.

"Broadsword was equal to any four-year-old he ran against," Scudamore declared. "I was very disappointed when he got beaten. When I turned up the hill I thought I'd win. I was a couple of lengths in front when we jumped the last, but he was outstayed by Baron Blakeney."

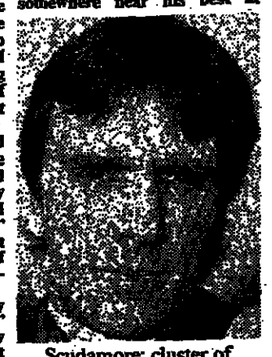
Victories last year on Solar Cloud and Charter Party meant that he had broken his Festival duck at last, and next week the champion has a cluster of good rides to look forward to.

He has had to turn down many others, including the second favourite Nohalmdun in the Champion Hurdle which will be a disappointment for Peter Easterby. Instead, Scudamore rides Corporal Clinger for Martin Pipe.

He is looking forward to riding Bolands Cross in the Gold Cup. "Obviously the one they've got to beat is Forgive'N Forget" he says, "but after that I think my horse is as good as any of them.

" He has finished in front of Forgive'N Forget the only time they've met, but I think Jimmy Fitzgerald's horse ran below par that day."

"I don't believe Bolands Cross was at his best in the King George either. I think he was somewhere near his best at



Scudamore: cluster of fancied Festival rides

Sandown in February, when he was unlucky enough to drop his legs in the water at a vital moment. He'd have finished a lot closer but for that."

The other threats he sees are Stearsby and Door Latch. "I thought Door Latch ran a superb race at Kempton", he says. "If he can get to Cheltenham without any more problems I think he will run very well."

High Knowl, on whom Scudamore admits to having been caught napping by Framlington Court at Kempton a fortnight ago, will definitely run in the Triumph Hurdle. "A very good ride," he said.

"The other two horses I would consider are Sprowston Boy and Nos No Gaoithe. I thought Nos No Gaoithe ran a superb race at Huntingdon two weeks ago, and I suppose on that form you'd also have to consider Aldino, who beat him that day."

In that race Scudamore rode Celtic Chief, and was mightily impressed with him. However, the gelding was unable to handle the heavy ground in the Victor Ludorum at Haydock, and Mercy Rimell will probably refire him for the season.

Among Scudamore's other promising Cheltenham rides are Sound Argument for Martin Pipe in the Arkle, Out Of The Gloom in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle and Pearlyman for John Edwards in the Queen Mother Champion Chase.

"Pearlyman will obviously have to beat Desert Orchid and Very Promising," Scudamore says, "but I think he has an outstanding chance."

Cheltenham, with its vast crowds and electric atmosphere, is the perfect stage for Peter Scudamore to display his prodigious talents — his confidence, determination, natural skill and hard-driving finishes.

He came with a late run last year to win the Ritz Trophy as the Festival's leading rider and he will be fancied by many to retain that trophy next week.

With well over 80 winners this season, he is beginning to stretch his lead in the championship over Mark Dwyer, his only possible rival. But, as always, Scudamore remains realistic.

"I'm just concentrating on getting things right and riding as many winners as possible", he says. "I've had a few ups and downs over the last fortnight, but you have to take the rough with the smooth. The more things you get right, the more you're expected to get right."

SANDOWN PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.45 No-U-Turn.
2.15 BACKSTREET GUY (nap).
2.45 Ballydurrow.
3.20 The Argonaut.
3.50 Hiz.
4.25 Melendez.
5.00 Firmiter.
5.30 Sand Key.

Going: good

1.45 BARCLAYS BANK HURDLE PAST & PRESENT (Amateurs: £3,674: 2m) (12 runners) C 4

101	F/03-040	DESERT HERO 36 (CD,G,S) (W Ponsonby) F Walwyn 13-12-7	M Bradstock		89
102	0-12002	NO-U-TURN 92 (CD,F,G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 9-12-7	M Bell	●	99
103	30-P000	DREADNOUGHT 19 (D,S) (J Carden) J Carden 7-11-11	Lt Cdr J Carden		66
104	4P04P0	HELLO KILLINEY 44 (F,S) (J Bostock) J Jenkins 10-11-11	Cpt W Bostock		—
105	11310-0	HOUSTON BELLE 38 (D,F) (R Ellis) J Jenkins 5-11-11			77
106	12/400-0	TIMURS DOUBLE 17 (D,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 6-11-11	C Sample		85
107	0/0	ACCLAIM 14 (J Henderson) N Henderson 7-11-4	T Thomson Jones		—
108	04000	BEE GARDEN 29 (B) (M Motley) P Bailey 5-11-4	P Nicholson		78
109	0P-8P00	FULL OF DREAMS 11 (V) (C Harvey) G Gracey 6-11-4	G Gladders		—
110	0000-0P	GREY TORNADO 84 (D Short) T Keanor 6-11-4	Cpt C Lane		—
111	4000P0-	POLO BOY 348 (G Balding) G Balding 7-11-4			—
113	P040	BRONZE OPAL 16 (E Weinstein) G Balding 4-10-8	G Oxley		78

BETTING: 9-4 No-U-Turn, 4-1 Desert Hero, 9-2 Timurs Double, 7-1 Bronze Opal, 8-1 Acclaim, 10-1 Polo Boy, 14-1 Bee Garden, 20-1 Houston Belle, 25-1 Dreadnought, 33-1 others.

1986: DHOFAR 6-12-7 S Bullard (10-11 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 9 ran

2.15 SANDOWN OPEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,967: 3m 118yd) (10 runners) C 4

202	21-24F0	PLUNDERING 73 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 10-12-4	P Scudamore		88
203	4120F-4	CONTRADEAL 17 (G,S) (V Barclay) F Walwyn 10-11-13	S Shilston		92
205	2P1012	CASTLE WARDEN 14 (F,G,S) (M Stone) J Edwards 10-11-11	Mr M Richards (7)		92
207	0-U0402	YOU'RE WELCOME 11 (CD,F,G) (S Smorenco) J Gifford 11-10-10	R Rowe		92
208	04-0203	THE CATCHPOOL 14 (C,F,G,S) (D Bill) N Gaselee 8-10-9	K Mooney	●	99
209	4-32F11	CLAUDE MONET 30 (S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-10-8	S Smith Eccles		88
211	3113/11	BACKSTREET GUY 9 (F,G,S) (P Johnson) N Henderson 6-10-3	J White		98
214	22U004	MEMBERSON 22 (CD,F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 9-10-0	L Harvey (4)		93
215	1-00309	PERHAPS LUCKY 16 (CD,F,G) (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 10-10-0	R Arnott		74
217	0FPP-24	MEDWAY GAUNTLET 22 (BF,G) (J Stevenson) J Blundell 12-10-0	M Brennan		70

BETTING: 9-4 Backstreet Guy, 3-1 Castle Warden, 9-2 Contradeal, 7-1 You're Welcome, 10-1 Plundering, 12-1 The Catchpool, Claude Monet, 16-1 Memberson, 25-1 others.

1986: YOU'RE WELCOME 10-8-10 E Murphy (7-1) J Gifford 8 ran

2.45 WILLIAM HILL IMPERIAL CUP (Handicap hurdle: £11,758: 2m) (23 runners) C 4

301	20-2212	BALLYDURROW 8 (D,F,G,S) (N Jaffa) R Fisher 10-11-13 (2ex)	M Hammond	●	99
302	040431	NEBLIN 28 (D,F,G,S) (A Leather) G Balding 8-11-13	R Guest (7)		90
303	0-43184	YABIS 28 (CD,F,S) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 6-11-8	T Morgan		96
304	013400	TIMELY STAR 28 (D,S) (B Smith) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0	M Pitman		92
305	1/100-00	JAMESMEAD 28 (D,S) (D Allen) D Elsworth 8-10-11	C Brown		86
306	11121/P	POLAR BEAR 78 (D,BF,S) (Miss C McCulloch) O Sherwood 7-10-11	S Sherwood		—
307	112-131	TAELOS 31 (D,F,G,S) (D Hott) G Richards 6-10-7			98
309	820/141	KESCAST 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Mason) M Pipe 7-10-5	P Scudamore		97
310	3000-03	TERRYASH 21 (D,G,S) (Pipeline Constructors Ltd) J Francome 8-10-4	I Stotesmark (7)		97
311	310100	STRAY SHOT 30 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-10-3	Miss G Armytage (4)		92
312	02141-0	INLANDER 130 (D,BF,S) (J Daniels) R Akehurst 6-10-2	S Smith Eccles		97
313	001-021	FUEGO BOY 77 (D,S) (A Darlington) A J Wilson 7-10-1	K Mooney		85
314	2-01132	MUSICAL MYSTERY 35 (S) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 5-10-1	R Rowe		99
315	FF3/U01	EASTER LEE 36 (CD,S) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 7-10-1			93
316	P0222F	HOW NOW 24 (D,G,S) (E Holding) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-0	M Perrett		92
317	00-4400	MENINGI 72 (D,F,S) (H Parry) N Macnab 8-10-0	L Harvey (4)		96
318	12-030P	SNOWBALL DANNY 11 (D,F,S) (A Ward) D A Wilson 7-10-0	K Caplen (7)		96
319	2-01121	WHITHER GOEST THOU 30 (D,G,S) (Mrs E English) D Ringer 5-10-0	D Murphy		92
320	060F40	TACHED 9 (D,F,G) (J Swan-Worsley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 6-10-0	R Rowell		90
321	014003	TACHADOR 24 (D,S) (P Axon) R Hodges 6-10-0	W Irvine (7)		88
322	P-00300	AVERON 19 (S) (C Wildman) C Wildman 7-10-0	M Brennan		95
323	000323-	AMRULLAH 339 (T Thorn) J Bridger 7-10-0	G Moore		—
325	000004	OWEN'S PRIDE 9 (D,S) (Venture Chemical) R Akehurst 5-10-0	S Keightley		84

BETTING: 7-1 Ballydurrow, 9-1 Neblin, 10-1 Kescast, Terryash, 12-1 Inlander, Taelos, Yabis, 14-1 Easter Lee, Jamesmead, Polar Bear, 16-1 Fuego Boy, Whither Goest Thou, 20-1 How Now, Musical Mystery.

1986: INSULAR 6-9-10 E Murphy (14-1) I Balding 19 ran

FORM BALLYDURROW (11-4) was produced with his usual late run test time when an excellent 1½l 2nd to See You Then (11-12) at Haydock (2m, £3616, soft, Mar 5, 4 ran). NEBLIN (10-0) has been harshly reassessed by the handicapper for a 2½l victory over Mrs Muck (10-10) in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury (2m 100y, 521054, soft, Feb 14, 21 ran) with the consistent YABIS (10-8) a promising 4l back in 4th. TIMELY STAR (10-9) and JAMESMEAD (10-1) both out of contention. On seasonal debut decent juvenile hurdler in 1984/5 JAMESMEAD (10-7) finished 123¼l 5th to Pradeaux Boy (11-0) over course and distance (£7111, good, Feb 7, 7 ran). POLAR BEAR had some decent form in Ireland in 1984, including (10-8) a 2l win over Sierra Baron (10-8) in a Listed Leopardstown event (2m2f, £5882, good to yield, 4 ran). TAELOS has been novice chasing this season, best effort in 1985/6 (10-6) a 3l 2nd to Jobroke (10-3) in the County hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, £71314, good, Mar 13, 29 ran). KESCAST (11-2) has been revealed this season and beat Linfast (11-5) 3l at Warwick last time (2m, £3650, good, Feb 25, 11 ran). TERRYASH has been aimed at this race all season and seemed to be very near his best when (11-1) a head and a short head 3rd to Redgrave Artist (11-1) at Windsor (2m 3oy, £1361, good to soft, Feb 21, 26 ran). INLANDER (10-0) ran a cracking race in this corresponding fixture last year (2m, £11654, good, Mar 8, 19 ran), finishing a length 4th to Insular (10-0) and comes here a fresh horse. Selection: TERRYASH

3.20 DICK McCREERY CUP (Handicap chase: amateurs: £2,809: 2m 18yd) (runners)

401	301021	W SIX TIMES 22 (F,G,S) (S Munro-Wilson) W Kemp 10-12-7	S Munro Wilson	93
402	10-2204	THE ARGONAUT 38 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-11-10	M Bradstock	98
403	1-0404P	BRIGHT OASSIS 28 (F,G,S) (Lt-Col E Phillips) K Bailey 11-11-9	T Thomson Jones	95
407	033324	DENNIS AUBURN 9 (BF,F,G,S) (Duchess Westminster) R Francis 10-10-11, C Sample (4)		86
408	204044	CHELSEA ISLAND 10 (CD,F,G) (W Taylor) W Taylor 12-10-11	Dr D Chesney	● 99
409	020000	MILITARY CROWN 47 (F,S) (Mrs J Carr Evans) Mrs J Carr Evans 10-10-11		—

BETTING: 13-8 The Argonaut, 9-4 W Six Times, 3-1 Bright Oassis, 8-1 Dennis Auburn

1986: THE ARGUNAUT 8-10-11M Bradstock (7-2) F Walwyn 7 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.50 BEECH OPEN NOVICE CHASE (£3,012: 2m 18yd) (9 runners)

501	141110	HIZ 15 (S) (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 9-11-7	D Browne	●	96
502	003122	ROSS FANDANGO 17 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Moran) J Pearce 8-11-7	R Guest (7)		80
503	0-0F1FF	WOLLOW WILL 31 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P Foot) F Winter 8-11-7	P Scudamore		81
504	02F3F0	DAVY'S WEIR 21 (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 7-11-3	R Rowe		—
505	3-P34F3	DRUELLUS 14 (F,S) (M Nelmes-Crocker) G Roe 9-11-3	H Davies		89
506	010F42	INFIELDER 14 (F,G,S) (F Taylor) A Moore 8-11-3	G Moore		84
510	3PP201	LIFE GUARD 15 (F,G,S) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 8-11-3	J Frost		90
511	FF4202	LONG ENGAGEMENT 15 (G) (G Mordaunt) D Nicholson 6-11-3	S Sherwood		94
514	030000	FULL OF LOVE 113 (F) (W Lee) Mrs A Lee 6-10-12	L Harvey (4)		—

BETTING: 2-1 Hiz, 3-1 Long Engagement, 5-1 Life Guard, 6-1 Wollow Will, 7-1 Infielder

1986: CHIEF IRONSIDE 6-11-3 R Rowe (7-2) J Gifford 12 ran

4.25 SELECT NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,459: 2m) (20 runners)

603	213130	GHOFAR 35 (CD,G) (H Dundas) D Elsworth 11-7	Miss S Lawrence (7)		87
604	111113	MELENDEZ 98 (D,F,G,S) (Crayclate Ltd) M Pipe 11-5	M Perrett	●	99
605	0214	GOLDEN CROFT 33 (B,D,S) (G Johnson) N Henderson 11-5			—
607	13	PRAGADA 35 (S) (Mrs M McGlone) J Gifford 11-2	R Rowe		90
608	10	ADMIRALS ALL 38 (D,BF,S) (Mrs H Ryan Price) F Winter 11-2	P Scudamore		96
609	01200	FORCELLO 30 (D,BF,S) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 11-0	K Mooney		91
610	24222	GEX 28 (Venture Chemicals) R Akehurst 10-12	M Davies		91
611	330131	HAPPY BREED 14 (D,G,S) (S Hollis) J W Blundell 10-12 (7ex)	M Brennan		91
612	2233	KING JACK 19 (BF) (J Lee) N Henderson 10-11	S Smith Eccles		88
613	3130	NOBLE VIKING 14 (D,F) (Miss A Zoszowski) S Mellor 10-10	M Harrington		90
614	11140	PRASINA MATIA 14 (D,F,G) (W Horton) N Gaselee 10-10	K Mooney		96
615	221P00	BRENT RIVERSIDE 63 (D,F) (S Mason) G Balding 10-10	R Guest (7)		89
616	303100	MYSTERY CLOCK 37 (D,S) (Miss L Townsend) P Bailey 10-8	S Sherwood		89
618	0033	OUT YONDER 16 (W Wighman) W Wighman 10-7	C Brown		88
619	04041	TURN FOR TH'BETTER 59 (G) (J F-Hayes) J Fitch-Heyes 10-5	Penny Fitch-Heyes (4)		87
622	4004F3	CRAMMOND 24 (S) (Mrs C Perkins) W Kemp 10-0	S Shilston		98
623	004	SAMANPOUR 24 (BF) (Mrs K Roberts) P Haynes 10-0	R Rowe		95
624	0020	NAUTICAL STEP 68 (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 10-0	T Woolley (7)		83
625	304F00	QUALITAIR KING 67 (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 10-0	S Keightley		87
626	00P0	DOUBLER 24 (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 10-0	R Chapman (4)		70

BETTING: 4-1 Melendez, 11-2 Pragada, 6-1 Admirals All, Prasina Matia, 7-1 Happy Breed, 8-1 King Jack, 10-1 Home County

1986: HOME COUNTY 10-7 C Brown (8-1) D Elsworth 20 ran

5.0 FLYERS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,375: 2m) (21 runners)

4		0 BEAU D'ORLEAN 14 (K Braddon) T Keanor 6-11-8	Mr R Black (7)		—
5		BORDER KING (Sir G Brunton) D Elsworth 5-11-8	S Croston (7)		—
12		4 JUST CHEEKY 19 (C Burrough) M Pipe 5-11-8	J Lower (4)		—
13		JUST MEMORIES (Mrs M Shiress) G Prest 5-11-8			—
16		MISCHIEVOUS ALFIE (B Byford) B Byford 5-11-8	Mr M Geary		—
19		PORTLAND BILL (Mrs P Walwyn) P Walwyn 6-11-8			—
20		0 PRESIDENT'S PUPPET 14 (Elwell Farm Ltd) J Old 5-11-8			—
23		THUNDERWOOD (Emo Hygiene Ltd) R Akehurst 5-11-8			—
27		DEALERS DREAM (V Barclay) D Nicholson 6-11-8			—
29		FIRINTER (G Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-3	Mr J Railton (7)		—
30		0-0 FLYING CHERUB 14 (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 6-11-3	Miss J Retter		—
31		00 GREAT DESTINY 14 (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-3	Miss A Hyseton-Smith		—
34		MOLINELLO (Astordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 5-11-3	L Harvey (4)		—
38		0 YIMKIN GOLD 19 (B Pike) S Dow 6-11-3	Mr A Knight (7)		—
43		BOLT HEAD (Maincrest Ltd) D Barons 4-11-0	Miss T Davis (4)		—
44		CASUAL STAR (K Fischer) W Hastings-Bass 4-11-0			—
45		C'EST LA VIE (Mrs P Fasey) M Pipe 4-11-0	Mr R Bellamy (7)		—
47		ESHA NESS (E Holding) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	D Byrne (7)		—
48		0 GLAD JACK 19 (S Curzon & B V Shepherd Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	J P Smith (7)		—
50		8 MALICHO 19 (C Wildman) C Wildman 4-11-0	S Gilmour (7)		—
58		4 COME ON FLAN 32 (R Francis) P Davis 4-10-9	N Hawke (7)		—

BETTING: 3-1 Portland Bill, 7-2 Border King, 4-1 Esha Ness, 6-1 Bolt Head, 8-1 Just Cheeky

1986: COMANDANTE 4-10-10 E Murphy (5-1) J Gifford 22 ran

5.30 FLYERS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,375: 2m) (21 runners)

2		1 SAND KEY 32 (D,S) (Mrs A Sanders) M Pipe 5-12-1	J Lower (7)		—
3		2 ALASKA RUN 91 (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-8	D James (7)		—
6		BRITTANY BAULE (C Read) C Read 5-11-8	B Mulone (7)		—
8		ELEGANT FELLA (Lady Blyth) D Laing 5-11-8	NON-RUNNER		
10		00 GOLDEN ACRE 14 (R Hewitt) M Pipe 5-11-8	S Crook (7)		—
11		0 HANDBAWN 19 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 5-11-8	L Harvey (4)		—
15		MAYFAIR BOY (R Cottle) D Barons 5-11-8	Mr R Barons (7)		—
17		OVER THE COUNTER (Chewley Park Stud) N Henderson 5-11-8	A Byrne (7)		—
18		PIA DOREE (Miss J Cunningham) I Dudgeon 5-11-8	P Bowman (7)		—
22		SPORTSNEWS (Mrs J Debenham) P Hobbs 5-11-8	I Wright (7)		—
24		UNDER OFFER (Mrs G Prest) G Prest 6-11-8			—
25		0 BISHOPS CHOICE 14 (D Clarke) W Wighman 6-11-3	Mr G Kille (7)		—
28		0-0 DI'S DELIGHT 14 (C Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-3	Mr M Brudstock (4)		—
35		SANCAL 171 (Miss C Weaver) R Dickin 6-11-3	Mr Bellamy (7)		—
40		0 ABBREVIATION 14 (BF) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 4-11-0	S Neighbour (7)		—
41		ALTRAFAN (P Locke) P Cundell 4-11-0			—
46		CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	D Byrne (7)		—
49		HEYFLEET 19 (Mrs R Allen) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	W D'Callaghan (7)		—
51		MASTER MUCK (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0	Miss C Feasy (7)		—
59		0 FISHING SMACK 32 (B Byford) B Byford 4-10-9	Mr M Geary		—
61		IN MY DREAMS (J Weston) J Weston 4-10-9	Jacqui Oliver (7)		—

BETTING: 15-8 Sand Key, 9-4 Alaska Run, 5-1 Over The Counter, 6-1 Abbreviation, 8-1 On Sonny, 10-1 Joscilla, 12-1 others

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
N Gaselee	9	28	32.1
D Elsworth	14	68	20.3
Mrs J Pitman	8	40	20.0
F Walwyn	17	90	18.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Thomson Jones	5	18	27.8
S Smith Eccles	22	85	25.9
R Rowe	22	115	19.1
C Brown	13	71	18.3

CHEPSTOW

Selections
By Mandarin

1.30 Eton Rouge.
2.00 Salehurst.
2.30 Mister Point.
3.00 Pactolus.
3.30 Bryma.
4.00 Bold Petal.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Salehurst

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 SALEHURST.

Going: soft

1.30 NATIONAL BINGO GAME HANDICAP CHASE (£2,540: 3m 6f) (13 runners) BBC 1

2	0-32F3	LITTLE POLVEIR 14 (C,S) (M Stone) J Edwards 10-11-7			90
3	400-001	BRIGHT DREAM 18 (B,C,S) (J Holmes) J Gifford 11-11-7 (5ex)	Peter Hobbs	●	99
8	242201	ETON ROUGE 21 (C,S) (Mrs B Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-7	S Morshead		95
10	P-3P4P0	TRISKA 18 (B,F,G,S) (A Hunt) L Kennard 11-10-3	B Powell		82
11	13/F2-PP	LE BARBINO 16 (G) (M Meade) M Meade 10-10-2	S McNeill		80
13	U101FP	STEEL YEOMAN 11 (BF,S) (Mrs H Allwen) J Gifford 9-10-1	E Murphy		86
14	00PP00	LEAN ORT 19 (F) (T Wragg) D L Williams 9-10-0	G Landau (4)		84
15	21221F	SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT 19 (G,S) (R Dove) Miss L Bower 11-10-0	B Dowling		95
17	P0-03P3	DR PEPPER 22 (G,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 10-10-0	A Webb		86
19	40-P004	SAUNDERS 24 (S) (Mrs L Clay) Mrs L Clay 13-10-0	J Lovejoy		—
20	014P00	CITADEL ROC 33 (B,F,S) (Mrs R Dudley) J M Bradley 12-10-0	G Davies		76
21	00020F	MOUNT FEDDANE 11 (B,S) (G Beer) P J Jones 11-10-0	M Kinane		75
23	30-0F0F	DUSTY RUN 10 (A Medzaski) R Shepherd 7-10-0	Mrs C Smallman		—

BETTING: 4-1 Bright Dream, 5-1 Eton Rouge, 6-1 Little Polveir, 8-1 Triska, Steel Yeoman, 10-1 Le Barbino

1986: ROLL-A-JOINT 8-10-4 P Scudamore (9-4) G Thorner 5 ran

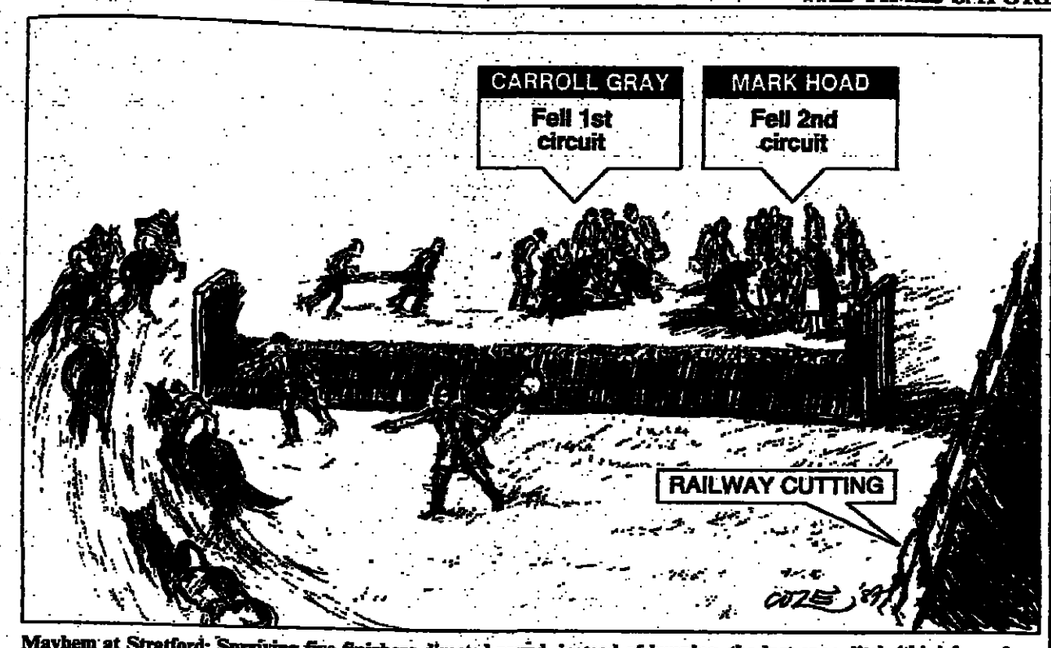
FORM LITTLE POLVEIR (10-1) was staying on at the business end when 20l 3rd to Hardy Lad (11-0) at Doncaster (4m, £3084, good, Feb 28, 6 ran), better judged on earlier effort when (11-6) ¾l 2nd to Two Coppers (10-11) at Cheltenham (3m 4f, £4560, good to firm, Nov 8, 3 ran). BRIGHT DREAM (11-11) returned to best when beating Gala Prince (10-1) ¾l at Folkestone (3m 2f, £2173, soft, Feb 26, 9 ran). ETON ROUGE (10-1) (pictured) showed his liking for this course when beating Rip Steel (10-6) 2¼l, TRISKA (10-10) pulled up, on latest start (3m 3f, £2551, soft, Feb 21, 11 ran). STEEL YEOMAN (10-13) best judged on a 3l beating of SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (10-0), with CITADEL ROC (10-9) pulled up and DUSTY RUN (10-0) a 15th fence faller at Folkestone (3m 2f, £2240, soft, Jan 6, 17 ran). Subsequently SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (10-0) showed better when beating Rhyme 'N' Reason (11-7) 30l, with SAUNDERS (10-0) a well beaten 4th, again at Folkestone (3m7f, £2435, heavy, Feb 18, 8 ran).
Selection: BRIGHT DREAM

2.0 TOP RANK NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,552: 2m 4f) (17 runners) BBC 1

2	2-1F034	IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE 21 (C,S) (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 7-11-7	S Morshead		74
5	000124	MY DAD 19 (D,BF,S) (Placard Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-1	B de Haan		85
6	4FU123	BOWDEN 11 (D,G,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) I Dudgeon 8-11-0	R Lisley		82
7	13-09U4	MISTER HARTIGAN 14 (S) (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 7-10-12			78
8	112304-	COMEDY LANE 339 (F) (A Stoddart) L Kennard 8-10-10	B Powell		—
10	P-F4124	LARRY-O 32 (D,S) (D Andrews) F Winter 7-10-8			—
12	0P0/300	HAL'S JOY 21 (S) (D Palmer) M Pipe 8-10-3			—
13	PP4FF1	SALEHURST 9 (S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 7-10-3 (7ex)	S Moore	●	99
16	F31800	HIGH BLEND 10 (B,S) (B Wright) P Bailey 6-10-0	E Murphy		82
17	202300	CAMEBELLE 10 (B,S) (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 9-10-0	R Millman		77
18	P0PF12	WALLY WOMBAT 12 (BF,S) (E Prall) M Scudamore 9-10-0	J Bryan		78
19	02F31P	BELLIVER PRINCE 16 (F,S) (P Wood) C Tinkler 8-10-0	J Suthern		80
20	P1010P0	THE UNDERGRADUATE 11 (S) (P Wood) C Tinkler 8-10-0	A Adams (7)		70
22	F1-4002	ABOVE PAR 16 (S) (Mrs M Pash) N Gaselee 6-10-0			78
26	24FU00	CANTABILE 9 (G,S) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 8-10-0	A Charlton (7)		—
28	300/F0P	COUNT FREDERICK 94 (F) (J Woogar) S Dow 7-10-0	S McNeill		—
29	00000	LEGAL AID 21 (P Hill) L Kennard 7-10-0			—

BETTING: 7-2 Salehurst, 4-1 Mr Dad, 5-1 Mister Hartigan, 8-1 Bowden, 9-1 Larry-O

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Mayhem at Stratford: Surviving five finishers directed round, instead of jumping, the last open ditch (third fence from home), which led to the EBF Novices' Chase been declared void by the local stewards

Urgent call for change of rules following Stratford's void race

By Alan Lee

An urgent call for a change in "antiquated rules" was made yesterday by Ron Atkins, safety officer for the Jockeys' Association.

Reflecting on the fiasco of Stratford's non-existent novice chase on Thursday, Atkins praised the good sense and initiative of senior jockey Simon Sherwood in refusing to allow surviving runners to jump the fatal fence, but criticised the Jockey Club rule which obliged the stewards to declare the race void.

He explained: "As the rules stand, there is no provision for a jockey, medical officer, or anyone else to give direction to runners in the event of an accident. But I feel very strongly that common sense prevailed here.

"Simon is a good, intelligent professional and thank heavens he kept his head to divert the runners away from the injured jockeys. This was a freakish accident but it could happen again on a tight course such as Stratford, where the fences are narrow and even one faller can cause problems.

"We are all more safety conscious now and I shall be recommending that the Jockeys' Association urge the Jockey Club to look into this rule because it definitely needs changing.

"Rules like this one were drawn up in the days when jump racing attracted far fewer runners and the risks were substantially less," Atkins concluded.

The problem began when Shoemender fell at the open ditch on the first circuit, and jockey Carroll Gray injured his neck. Gray was still on the ground when the field came round for the second time, and an orange disc was displayed to warn jockeys of the danger.

With the field bunched, and barely enough room for two horses to jump upsides one another, there were, not surprisingly, three fallers in the ensuing melee, which took place dangerously close to the edge of a disused railway cutting.

Rajen Signal brought down Tophatter (Simon Sherwood) and Sea Countess (Mark Perrett). All three horses got away, but Rajen Signal collapsed further up the course and had to be destroyed. His jockey, Mark Hoad, was left lying on the ground with a back injury.

Sherwood said: "The doctor said that neither Gray nor Hoad were to be moved, so there was no alternative but for those of us still at the fence to wave the field round it when they came by on the final circuit."

Under Rule 154 (1) (b), the stewards had to declare the race void. However, it is understood that having listened to the evidence of the course doctor, they were prepared to let the result stand, but were overruled by the stipendary steward.

The decision caused fury among owners, trainers, jockeys and the public. John Edwards, who trains the 9-4 "winner" Star Of Screen, said yesterday that the horse's owner, Robert McAlpine, wants him to appeal against the decision.

"Nobody wants anybody to get hurt," Edwards continued, "but my jockey Tom Morgan, who rode Star of Screen, has told me that if an incident like that happens again he will jump the fence anyway because the rule leaves him no alternative."

Sherwood, who took the decision to wave the remainder off the field round the fence, said "obviously safety comes first, but it is a stupid rule, and it should be much more flexible."

Stratford's clerk of the course, Lt Commander John Ford, praised the swift action of first aid services and course doctor Louis Coulton in preventing a greater tragedy.

Lt.-Commander Ford said: "A great deal of credit must go to the St John Ambulance Brigade and Dr Coulton who were on the spot quickly after jockey Carroll Gray was injured, and it was their decision not to move him that probably prevented a more serious injury."

Gray, was yesterday described as "satisfactory" by a spokesman at Warwick Hospital. He has broken a bone in his neck.

Lt-Commander Ford pointed out: "We have never had that sort of trouble before. Stratford has the lowest percentage of fallers of any course in the country up to and including last season."

Powell linked with West Tip

Richard Dunwoody, who partnered West Tip to victory in the 1986 Grand National, may lose the ride in this year's Aintree race to Brendan Powell.

Martin Oliver, twin brother of West Tip's trainer, Michael Oliver, said at Carlisle yesterday that the 10-year-old is likely to run first in Thursday's Gold Cup if the going is not soft.

He said: "At the moment Richard is down to ride Charter Party for David Nicholson in the Gold Cup but whoever rides West Tip at Cheltenham will also be the jockey at Liverpool. It could be Brendan Powell."

CRICKET

Maninder tilts the Test balance

Bangalore (Reuter) — The Indian left-arm spinner, Maninder Singh, exploited a turning pitch to capture his Test best of seven for 27 and skittle Pakistan out for 116 on one of the most dramatic days of their series here yesterday.

A total of 12 wickets tumbled on the opening day of the fifth and final Test, with India struggling to 68 for two by the close after the off-spinner, Tauseef Ahmed, dismissed the openers, Sunil Gavaskar and Krishnamachari Srikkanth.

Maninder undermined Pakistan, who won the toss and chose to bat, in a damaging spell of 5.3 overs in which he took five of his wickets. He beat his previous best of seven for 51 in the second Test against Sri Lanka in Nagpur last December.

Pakistan, whose last eight wickets tumbled for 56, were dismissed for their lowest total in Tests against India, their previous lowest being 150 in New Delhi during the 1952-53 series. The day's events contrasted sharply with the tedious play, caused essentially by dour batting on both sides, that marked the previous four drawn Tests.

India's captain and all-rounder, Kapil Dev, made the inroads with the new ball in the morning, but Pakistan recovered to reach a comparatively prosperous 60 for two before Maninder tilted the balance.

India's joy at dismissing the touring team so cheaply was tempered by their own problems on the difficult pitch when Tauseef was brought into the attack after a brief new-ball burst by Imran Khan and Wasim Akram. Tauseef bowled both Gavaskar and Srikkanth for 21, and had taken two for 15 from 11 overs at the close when India were 48 behind with eight wickets in hand.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Ramiz Raja c Vengsarkar b Kapil	22
Rizwan-uz-Zaman b Kapil	0
Salim Malik b Maninder	33
Javed Miandad c Shastri b Maninder	7
Manzoor Elahi c Azharuddin b Maninder	0
Imran Khan c Amarnath b Maninder	6
Wasim Akram b Maninder	0
†Saleem Yousuf c and b Shastri	0
Iqbal Qasim b Maninder	19
Tauseef Ahmed not out	15
Saleem Jaffer c Vengsarkar b Maninder	8
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 3)	6
Total	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-39, 3-60, 4-60, 5-68, 6-68, 7-73, 8-74, 9-98, 10-116.

BOWLING: Kapil 11-2-23-2; Binny 3-0-25-0; Amarnath 3-1-7-0; Maninder 18.2-8-27-7; Shastri 11-1-19-1; Yadav 9-0-12-0.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar b Tauseef	21
K Srikkanth b Tauseef	21
M Amarnath not out	12
D B Vengsarkar not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (2 wkts)	68

M Azharuddin, R J Shastri, *Kapil Dev, R M H Binny, †K S More, N S Yadav and Maninder Singh.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-56.

BOWLING: Imran 5-0-28-0; Wasim 2-0-9-0, Qasim 14-8-13-0, Tauseef 11-1-15-2.

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and Ram Babu Gupta.

ATHLETICS

Coghlan's 2,000m time the target for O'Mara

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Liam Brady is not the only Irishman coming to England this week because of problems with foreign football clubs. Frank O'Mara, Paul Donovan and Ray Flynn, who were to run in a mile race at half-time in the match between Barcelona and Betis tonight, are returning home because the race has been cancelled. They will now join Eamonn Coghlan in the Dairy Crest international at Cosford tomorrow.

The Irishmen are among the best on the world indoor circuit. They are consistent winners and high finishers on the North American grand prix. O'Mara went one better last week when he won the 3,000 metres at the inaugural world indoor championships. He followed that with a win over José Abascal at 1,500 metres in Valencia on Thursday.

O'Mara runs in the 2,000 metres tomorrow, with John Gladwin, of Britain, the Commonwealth 1,500 metres silver medal winner, as his principal adversary, and Coghlan's recent 4min 54.07sec world best as his target.

Coghlan runs against a good two-mile field at the end of a week in which his unbeaten indoor record this season went to pieces. In an indoor career stretching over a decade, during which he has recorded 50 one mile victories, Coghlan had never fallen on the tight American indoor tracks. On one of his rare excursions on a 200 metres track, however, he tripped out of the 1,500 metres at the world championships in Indianapolis last Friday.

Then his world indoor 3,000 metres record attempt went awry in Valencia when Said Aouita, the Moroccan 5,000 metres Olympic champion, made a late entry, and, in his first indoor race in four years, snatched victory from Coghlan in the final straight. Coghlan was also edged by José-Luis González.

In one of the best fields of the day, Coghlan faces Donovan, who finished second to O'Mara in the world 3,000 metres championship. Mark Rowland, of Britain, who finished fourth, and Flynn, who could not even get in the Irish quartet for Indianapolis, which came away with two golds and one silver after Coghlan's fall.

Three other potential world champions who took a fall last week also make their comeback. Mark McKoy, who was leading the 60m hurdle in Indianapolis when the record holder, Greg Foster, brought him down, meets Tonie Campbell, the winner in Indianapolis, plus the Cardiff pair, Nigel Walker who was third, and Colin Jackson, who was fourth.

Patrik Sjoberg, of Sweden, set a world indoor high jump record of 2.41m in January, then beat Carlo Thränhardt, of West Germany, to the European indoor title. But both failed to register a jump in Indianapolis. They jump against the rapidly improving Dalton Grant, who had another personal best, of 2.28m in Indianapolis.

Swiss offer base at altitude

By Michael Coleman

An unexpected offer by the Swiss mountain resort of Davos to provide high-altitude training facilities for Britain's track and field athletes before the world championships in Rome this August is to be given careful study.

Frank Dick, the director of coaching, is eager to find a training camp where his athletes can stay for a long period. "Like the Russians and East Germans, I feel there is little benefit to be gained from a short, shall we say, two-week, stay. What I have in mind is a camp for eight or ten weeks," he said. Mexico City was a candidate, the terms of stay being very economic though the travel costs had yet to be solved.

Informed that Davos might well be interested, Dick at first felt that Swiss prices would be prohibitive. "With Mexico we are talking about $20 a day; with the Swiss it would be 50 arms and 50 legs," he said.

A quick check with Bruno Gerber, chief of the Davos tourist office, proved this would not be the case. "We would be delighted to have the British athletes here," Gerber said. "I am sure we can put an offer to them that could not be bettered by anyone else."

Hearing this, Dick agreed to meet Gerber at the offices of the British Amateur Athletic Board, in Victoria, on Monday week to hear his proposals. Davos would be far more accessible than Mexico City, the journey from London taking only four hours. It is also more than half way to Rome and athletes could comfortably use it as a base during the championships should the heat of Rome become oppressive. Significantly, Norway's athletes, including the marathon runner, Ingrid Kristiansen, are lodging in neighbouring St Moritz, also at altitude.

Davos has made its name as a winter sports resort. The town itself is at 1,500 metres but the mountains on either side rise to 2,500 metres and above and can be run up. Indeed the 2,700 metre Sertig Pass was scaled during last July's first Swiss Alpine marathon — a race of 42 miles which will be repeated this summer on July 25.

The Davosers are now putting the accent very heavily on athletics as their main attraction. They opened a six-lane synthetic athletics track only last July and have installed no less than Gordon Pirie as director of an "athletics school" there. Pirie, a former world 5,000 metres record holder, moves in at the end of this month.

It was a chance encounter between Gerber and Pirie in Singapore last summer that set the athletics school idea off. "I was very impressed by Pirie," Gerber said. "We went for a training run and though 56, Pirie can really shift, I can tell you. I found he knew not only a lot about running but also about nutrition and sports medicine and has an attractive personality. He will be ideal as director of our first athletics school."

Gerber spoke wistfully about the days of Chataway, Ibbotson and Zatopek and is clearly an Anglophile whose interest might well prove of immense benefit, not just to Britain's athletes, but also to the establishment of a permanent British training camp in Davos covering all the Olympic sports.

Budd health worry

There is still some concern about Zola Budd's health despite the rebuttals of one of the British officials closest to her that her career continues to be in jeopardy (Pat Butcher writes).

Les Jones, the Northern Ireland AAA Secretary, who acts as "minder" to Miss Budd, said yesterday that he was "flabbergasted" by the latest reports that her career could be over.

The speculation has arisen because Miss Budd has gone back to West Germany to see Dr Armin Klimper, the Freiburg specialist who treated her last month. Jones said: "We always knew she had to go back; it was part of the treatment."

But only last week Miss Budd herself was disguising the trip to Germany as a holiday in an unspecified place.

Canford Palm pierces the Winter gloom

Fred Winter has recently spent longer than he would wish in the shadows of his young Lambourn neighbour and former assistant Nick Henderson but at Sandown Park yesterday the roles were briefly reversed (Alan Lee writes).

Winter, enduring one of his leanest seasons, produced Canford Palm to overturn champion trainer Henderson's odds-on favourite Polyfemus in the first division of the Lilac Novices' Hurdle.

The race went to a photograph after a tussle from the last between the two principals, but Canford Palm had prevailed at 3-1. Winter's assistant Charlie Brooks revealed: "The owners have had to be very patient because the horse cracked a vertebra in his wither last season and then, after running a good race first time up this year, he literally fell apart to skin and bones and we have had to give him a rest."

Winter and his jockey, Peter Scudamore, later completed a 25-1 double when Baies mastered the favourite, Macroom, by 1½ lengths in the second division of the novice hurdle.

Scudamore is likely to ride only two of Winter's intended seven runners at next week's Cheltenham Festival — Celtic Shot in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle and Harry's Bar in the Sun Alliance Hurdle. Three more will run in amateur riders' events and Richard Linley partners Malya Mal and Half Free for his retaining owner, Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin.

Easterby runs three in Coral Hurdle Final

Peter Easterby runs three horses in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham on Wednesday. Ronnie Beggan has been booked for Emo Forever, stable jockey Lorcan Wyer will be on Withy Bank, and claimer Roger Marley partners Tern.

Powerful Paddy has again been heavily supported with the sponsors and Jimmy Fitzgerald's charge is now 9-1 joint-favourite (from 12-1) with Withy Bank.

Leading northern amateur Jamie Osborne will have his first Festival ride on Bally-Go for Fitzgerald in the Kim Muir on Tuesday. He also partners Wild Argosy for Tom Bill in the Mildmay Of Flete the following day.

POINT-TO-POINT

Times vote awarded to Double Decision

By Brian Beel

When Double Decision won the Members' race at the West Shropshire a fortnight ago, he lost about 25 lengths by retracing after missing a flag. He went on to beat the useful Fruit Farm and Reliable Robert.

On that form he has an outstanding chance in *The Times* Championship qualifier today at the Flint and Denbigh point-to-point, where Queen's Son may prove the greatest threat.

Six horses will be able to qualify for the Towcester final in a similar event at the Cumberland Farmers' as the race has been split into two divisions to accommodate the bumper entry. Rotate and Warren Brig are the two selections here.

The RMC Ladies' at the Dunston Harriers looks to be between Comedian, Swarm, and Martineau, and they are preferred in that order. Brockie Law looks to be a sound bet in which ever of his engagements he accepts in the equivalent race at either the North Ledbury or the Oakley.

Although Culm Valley was beaten in Thursday's hunter chase at Stratford, her full sister, Culm Port, could come out best against Dicky Blob in the Land Rover Open at the Silverton.

In the Mid Surrey Andi event at Charing, the Huntingdon hunter chase winner, Certain Light, looks quite capable of booking his place in the Cheltenham final while in the corresponding race at the Holderness, Honourable Man may beat his younger challengers, Freddie Teal and Comarch.

The Royal Cornwall showground at Wadebridge proved popular with both riders and spectators when used, with portable fences, last season. The Western, holding the first of three meetings there this year, will have the advantage of all other courses of a covered paddock.

The innovative PPOA Novice Race at the Avon has been split into two divisions while at the Brecon 10 races will be run to cope with the massive entry of 264. The Grove and Rufford precede their seven-race card with a members' race over natural country which Elli Copter, on name alone, deserves to land.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Avon Vale, Nedge, 4m NE of Wells off A39 (first race 12.30); Brecon, Llanfrynach, 3m SE of Brecon off B4558 (12.0); Cumberland Farmers, Dalston 6m S of Carlisle off B5299 (1.0); Dunston Harriers, Costessey 3m NW of Norwich off A47 (1.0); Flint and Denbigh, Eaton Hall, 5m S of Chester off A483 (12.20); Grove and Rufford, Thorpe, 3m SW of Newark off A46 (12.30); Haldenness, Dalton Park, 5m NE of Beverley off B1248 (1.30); Mid Surrey Farmers, Charing, 6m NE of Ashford off A20 (12.30); North Ledbury, Ryalls Court, 6m S of Worcester off A38 (1.30); Oakley, Newton Bromswold, 2m S of Rushden off A6 (1.0); Silverton, Haldon racecourse, 6m SW of Exeter off A38 (1.0); Western, Wadebridge, 1m W of town off A39 (1.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Saints have the look of winners

By Keith Macklin

When Leigh went to Wembley in 1971 they did so as the supposed underdogs and thrashed Leeds, and when they won the championship in 1982 it was regarded as a surprise. Consequently, Leigh are not unused to being second favourites in the betting.

There is no doubt that they have the David role against the Goliath of St Helens in this afternoon's first semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Central Park, Wigan. When they beat the second division side Runcorn Highfield and Carlisle in the opening rounds of the cup, nobody bothered to take any notice.

Eyebrows were raised only when the news filtered through that Leigh had gone to the Boulevard and beaten Hull in the quarter-finals.

All this angers Billy Benyon, the Leigh coach, and gives steel and determination to his players in a match which has fascinating side issues.

The coach of St Helens is the controversial Alex Murphy, who has the habit of putting his successes where his mouth is. He brags, he insults, he vilifies and yet he produces the results. What makes it psychologically tough for Benyon is the fact that when Leigh achieved their triumphs in 1971 and 1982 they were led by Murphy. Worse, when Benyon was sacked by St Helens after coaching them to Lancashire Cup and Premiership wins, his replacement was Murphy.

On form it is surely a one-horse race. St Helens are challenging for a haul of Lancashire Cup, Challenge Cup, championship and premiership. Leigh are struggling in the bottom half of the table and are still battling against relegation.

On paper Saints have the better side, with Holding and Clark a brilliant half-back player, Loughlin the League's leading goal kicker, and the New Zealand centre, Ella, a world-class player. The speedy back division is supported and motivated by a powerful pack, skilfully led by Arkwright, who has taken over the mantle put down by Pinner. Against this Leigh can pit a pack containing hard workers in Pyke, Cottrell and the skilful runners, Hoddart and Westhead.

It is hard to look beyond a simple straightforward prediction that St Helens will win easily. Nevertheless, humbler sides than Leigh in Dewsbury, Keighley and Rochdale Hornets have come close to toppling the mighty in Challenge Cup semi-finals, and Leigh will not go down without a fight at Wigan.

BOXING

Title on offer at an old boys' reunion

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Two former Terry Lawless boxers, Kirkland Laing and Sylvester Mittee, who left the Canning Town gym some years ago to go their separate ways, meet up this afternoon at the Elephant and Castle to contest the British welterweight title vacated by Lloyd Honeyghan.

Both have had similar fortunes. Both are in their thirties, Laing 32 and Mittee 30, and both have won and lost the welterweight title, Laing to Colin Jones, who stopped him in the ninth, and Mittee to Honeyghan, who relieved him of his British and Commonwealth titles by stopping him in the eighth.

Beyond that the similarities stop. Laing is tall and a superb boxer with fast hands and even faster feet; Mittee is more solidly built, a harder hitter who goes forward, picking his way with heavy punches. Laing's chin is suspect. Mittee's solid. Temperamentally Laing is volatile, given to sudden bursts of petulance, while Mittee, a social worker, is methodical and patient.

Mittee has never met the likes of Laing. All his opponents have stood their ground and punched it out with him — Des Morrison, Clinton McKenzie, Chris Sanigar, Kostas Petrou, and Honeyghan. On the other hand, Laing being one of a kind, faces punchers like Mittee all the time. Though he was knocked out by Jones, twice, and Fred Hutchings, Laing did manage to stay out of trouble against Roberto Duran some years ago to gain the most important win of his career.

Unless Mittee catches Laing early with a heavy right hand, Laing could race away on points and frustrate the Bethnal Green boxer. Mittee may have to wait until the later rounds, like Jones, to catch Laing with a solid shot as he grows careless or over-confident and lingers inside to land his combinations.

Laing has fast reactions but Mittee, despite his height disadvantage, has long arms, and there should be many moments during the contest when Laing will have to squirm and wriggle out of corners as Mittee tries to collar him. One way or another it should be a hugely entertaining afternoon.

Tyson a guest

Mike Tyson, the heavyweight boxing champion, will arrive in London from the United States on Wednesday for the Frank Bruno v James "Quick" Tillis bout at Wembley on the following Tuesday. Tyson will be the guest of honour at the National Sporting Club in London on March 23.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.00 (2m hdle) 1. CANFORD PALM (P Scudamore, 3-1); 2. Polyfemus (S Smith Eccles, 9-11 fav); 3. Salmon Ran (Fr Durnwoody, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Millard House, 25 Carminde, 33 My Kilsaiong (5th), 50 Another Troup, Cherry Brave, Eyerap (4th), Marmalade Man, Nicoghan (6th), Grecian Bust. 12 ran. NR: Ballesteros. nk, 4l, 20l, ¼l, 4l, 5 T Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £3.40; £1.20, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.96

2.30 (2m 4f 88yd ch) 1. TARCONEY (R Stronge, 12-1); 2. Bajan Sunshine (P Scudamore, 5-1); 3. Pelion (S McNeill, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Kingswood Kitchens, 9-2 Solar's Brother, 11-2 Mister Hartigan (6th), 8 Irish Lord (5th), 16 Pitpan's Glory, 25 Rath Wonder (4th), 33 Aisling Geal, Rugged Spirit (pu), Double Up, Paupers Gold. 13 ran. NR: High Blend, 2l, 10l, 4l, 2½l, 5l, P Cundell at Newbury. Tote: £22.80; £3.20, £1.90, £10.00. DF: £42.90. CSF: £60.83.

3.5 (3m 118yd ch) 1. BURNT OAK (Mr P Nicholson, 4-1); 2. Mount Vernon (Mrs M W Sample, 5-2 fav); 3. Knock Hill (Mrs T Moore, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Special Cargo (4th), 12 Wyford (f), 14 Naughty Niece, Tum Blue (f), 16 Light Demon, 20 Choc Na Cuilg, 25 Loremino, Priansko (pu), 50 Dargai, Wait For Me (6th), Treasure's Reg, White Paper (5th). 15 ran. 10l, 7l, ½l, 5l, ½l, D Nicholson at Stow-on-the-Wold. Tote: £4.10 £1.80, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £13.93.

3.35 (2m 5f 75yd hdle) 1. SEAGRAM (P Nicholls, 12-1); 2. Private Views (P Scudamore, 7-2 jt-fav); 3. Master Coral (R Beggan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Beech Road, 4 Sunny Slave, 9 Wharry Burn (4th), 20 Chemist Broker (6th), Warner For Leisure, 25 H And K Hattrick (pu), 33 Hi-Street-Blues, Knobi Obi, Tight Turn (5th), 100 Kingmon's Girl (pu). 13 ran. nk, 4l, 6l, 6l, 5l, D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £25.60; £3.90, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £52.40. CSF: £48.30. Tricast: £399.92.

4.0 (3m 119yd ch) 1. BRUNTON PARK (Mr E Munro-Wilson, 4-7 fav); 2. Ten Cherries (Mr M Bell, 13-2); 3. Lucky Friday (Mr J H Wingfield Digby, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Bannoran (pu), 14 Prydal (ur), 16 Owen Sherry (5th), Penny Royal (pu), 50 Laxador (4th), Under-Rated (6th). 9 ran. NR: Coolcotts, Optimum. 10l, 8l, ½l, 15l, dist recorded. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.14.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1. BAIES (P Scudamore, 11-2); 2. Macroom (G Landau, 13-8 fav); 3. Steeple View (S Sherwood, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9 High Performance, 14 Vulgan Warrior, 16 Danny's Luck (f), 20 Diamond Digger, 25 Royal Gossip (4th), 33 Privateperformance, Rappahannock, 50 Air Broker, Bletchhom Hut, Castlore Lad, Gay Moore, High Ham Blues (6th), Ham, Le Modesty (5th), Mersovin. 18 ran. 16l, Buckshee Boy, Not Arcadian, The Frozen Padre. 1½l, 3l, 3l, 2l, ¾l, F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £14.92.

Placepot: £5.95

Market Rasen

Going: good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1. STRONGARM (S Woods, 12-1); 2. Moondawn (A Stringer, 13-8 fav); 3. Canonbury Flyer (S Turner, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Godounov (6th), 8 Knockalara, 9 Dear Bob, 14 Friendly Bee (4th), Portly, 20 Watch Tower (pu), 25 Lambourn Boy, 33 Banna's Retreat, Little Maureen (5th), Cricket House, Master Music, Sing Lucky Sing (pu). 15 ran. Nk, 2½l, nk, 10l, Sl, R Dods at Darlington. Tote: £21.50; £4.10, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £15.40. CSF: £32.76. Bought in for 2,100 guineas.

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1. MELEREK (P Niven, 6-1); 2. Tiernsee (R Crank, 4-1); 3. The Last Prince (L Wyer, 4-6 fav). ALSO: 6 Greaners Pride (4th), 20 Brave Hussar (5th), 50 New Kayber (6th). 6 ran. 5l, 2½l, 3l, 20l, dist, G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £11.40. CSF: £27.75.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1. HEALTH N HAPPINESS (D Murphy, 20-1); 2. Kylemskill (J Duggan, 13-8 fav); 3. Comedy Fair (L Wyer, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Godfathers Gift (5th), 13-2 Picadilly Lord (4th), 14 Poona Express, Ryecroft, 16 The Lodge Prince, 20 Padykin (dd-ht 6th), 25 Forty Grand (f), Northern Ruler (dd-ht 6th), 50 Regal Tough. 12 ran. NR: The Capo Farallella. Hd, 5l, 15l, 1l, 12l, 6l, Curley at Newmarket. Tote: £27.30; £3.50, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £31.90. CSF: £53.31. Tricast: £142.56.

3.45 (3m ch) 1. PACIFISTE (G McCourt, 9-4); 2. Meesmoren (M Dwyer, 9-2); 3. Whats What (A Stringer, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 16 Sudbrooke Park (5th), 20 Over The Mountain (pu), River Saint (pu), 25 Renshaw Wood (ur), Tepylon (pu), 33 Scarlet Coon (pu), 33 Sir Hector (pu), 50 Jungle Jim (6th), New Times (pu), Riversfield Park (4th), Victory Bay (pu). 14 ran. 1½l, 15l, 30l, 7l, dist, Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £5.30. CSF: £13.01.

4.15 (2m ch) 1. MANSTON MARAUDER (Penny Fitch-Heyes, 11-4); 2. Just Alick (R Garrity, 7-4 fav); 3. Billboy (K Ryan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Abensing (4th), 20 Who's Driving (f), King Of Tyre (pu), Black Earl (ro), 7 ran. 6l, ¾l, 10l, P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.78.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1. SIP OF ORANGE (M Dwyer, 2-5 fav); 2. Silver Kaye (J Lower, 9-2); 3. Rosie Cone (M Bassard, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Angel Dust (4th), 20 Come On Kate, Shakira Grove (6th), 50 Bodi (5th), Graceful Hannah, Northern Fling. 9 ran. NR: Bebe Hattie. 8l, 12l, 4l, 15l, 5l, J Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.58.

Placepot: £14.60.

Carlisle

Going: good to soft

2.0 (2m 330yd hdle) 1. BRANDY HAMBRO (K Doolan, 8-1); 2. Queen of Swords (P Dwyer, 9-4 fav); 3. Galadine (D Dutton, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Saxon Slave (6th), 10 Kings Ketchup, Rawthey Bank, 11 Actis (4th), 12 Hazel Bank (5th), 14 Trial Period (pu), 16 The Fink Sisters (ur), Cant Go Wrong, 25 Homeleck Boy (f), Magic Echo, Walk Along, 50 Bounteous Spirit (pu), Rememo, Sweet Chestnut, Certain Melody, Miss Lakeland, Sing Country (pu). 20 ran. 1l, ½l, 7l, 2l, 1l, C Parker at Lockerbie. Tote: £15.50; £1.60 £1.70, £1.80. DF: £87.10. CSF: £29 95.

2.30 (2m ch) 1. JUVENILE PRINCE (E Buckley, 4-1 jt-fav); 2. Avantic (P Tuck, 4-1 jt-fav); 3. Ground Master (Mr J Osborne, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Super Solo (4th), 11-2 Birsby, 6 Corker, 10 Reay's Song (5th), 14 Dr Guillotine, 16 Seapring (6th), 33 Dun Rose, 50 Artsum (pu), 11 ran. NR: Jarail, 10l, 20l, 4l, 2l, ¾l, M Oliver at Droitwich. Tote: £4.90; £2.40, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £11.50. CSF: £21.29. Tricast: £78.86.

3.0 (2m 330yd hdle) 1. NAUTICAL JOKE (T P White, 5-1); 2. Hanley (G Dennis, 11-2); 3. Burn Walk (G Martin, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Tartan Torchlight (5th), 11-2 Carat Slick, 8 Kelly's Inn (4th), 12 Pendley Gold (6th), 16 Starlight Rocky, 8 ran. 4l, sh hd, 7l, 15l, 12l. 10 A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £18.30. CSF: £29.42. Tricast: £86.06.

3.30 (3m ch) 1. RANDOMLY (Mr J Osborne, 5-2 fav); 2. Succeeded (R Lamb, 4-1); 3. Sizewhill (K Doolan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ram The Thor (4th), 4 Tullamarine (pu), 7 Duncombe Prince (pu), 20 Newsstead (pu), 7 ran. 4l, 12l, 12l, J Bell at Castleford. Tote: £2.80; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £12.16.

4.0 (2m 330yd hdle) 1. BEAKER (C Grant, 9-1); 2. Lord Sun (K Teeten, 7-1); 3. Major Rouge (P Dennis, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-8 fav Bessacar Boy (4th), 7 Kavaka (5th), 8 Johns Bluff (6th), 11 Marsio, 14 Bishopdale, 16 Oalmets, 20 Barony Isle, 25 Batmbleallo, 33 All Day Long, Monks Gold (pu), Seddem, 100 Cerdal (pu), Dad's Line. 16 ran. 1l, 3l, hd, 2l, 15l, M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £7.30; £2.40, £2.10, £10.00. DF: £32.60. CSF: £70.18.

4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. KEEP DREAMING (A Merrigan, 12-1); 2. Green Gorse (C Hawkins, 8-4 fav); 3. West Link (R Lamb, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Tophams Taverns (pu), 6 Boreham Down (f), 8 Chepchase (f), 12 Secret Lake (4th), 16 Cockley Brig (f), 33 Champ Chicken (pu), 100 Pondermit (f), Rebrona (5th), 11 ran. 15½, 20l, 5l, dist, M Reddan at Houghton-le-Spring. Tote: £11.30; £2.80, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £11.00. CSF: £28.85.

5.0 (2m 330yd hdl) 1. CHERRY CRIST (Mr C N Smith, 6-1); 2. Dovecote Academy (Mr P Fenton, 4-1 jt-fav); 3. Grayrose Double (D Skyrme, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Into The Mystic, 6 Runaway Train, 8 Springvale Crusade (6th), 9 Celtic Sis, 10 Over And Above (4th), 12 Elite Boy, 14 Divine Problem (5th), 20 Border Oak, 25 Gems Delight, 25 Jednarb Wrath, 33 Bay Bridge, Drummore Magic, South Sunrise, 50 Green Tops, Just Maunby, Kowhai, Capalice, Deep Desire, Lady Manello. 24 ran. NR: Denstop Lad, Denstop Prince. 20l, 5l, ¾l, 2½l, 25l, Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote: £11.40; £5.30, £2.60. £20.20. DF: £74.00. CSF: £92.95.

Placepot: £73.80.

●There were no surprise withdrawals at yesterday's declaration stage for Tuesday's Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham. The 21 four-day declarations are: Aonoch, Barnbrook Again, Bonalma, Brunico, Comandante, Corporal Clinger, Deep Idol, Flatterer, Herbert United, I Bin Zaidoon, Jimsintime, Mister Point, Nohalmdun, Prideaux Boy, Ra' Nova, River Ceiriog, Robin Wonder, Saffron Lord, See You Then, Stepaside Lord, Mrs Muck.

HOCKEY

Millfield girls find success a third time

Millfield School achieved their ambition at Ealing yesterday by winning the Barclays Bank National Schools under-18 championship for the third year in succession. They lived dangerously on the way to the top, however (Joyce Whitehead writes).

After a 3-1 win against Culford School (Bury St Edmunds) they had to wait until the last seconds of the match against King Edward VII Upper School (Melton Mowbray) to be awarded a penalty stroke, which Michele White scored to win the match.

Then came a loss against Altrincham Girls School before, finally, a last-minute goal by Charlotte Hamilton against Bexhill College brought them success.

RESULTS: Under-18: Altrincham 1, Culford 0; King Henry VII 0, Bexhill College 0; Millfield 3, Culford 0; Bexhill 0, Altrincham 0; Millfield 1, King Edward VII 0; Culford 1, Bexhill 0; Altrincham 1, Millfield 0; Culford 0, King Edward VII 0; Millfield 1, Bexhill 0; King Edward VII 1, Altrincham 0. Final positions: 1 Millfield, 2 Altrincham, 3 Culford, 4 King Henry VII, 5 Bexhill. Under-16: Maynard 0, Armthorpe 0; Chesnunt 2, Alderbrook 0; Armthorpe 0, Wycombe HS 0; Maynard 1, Alderbrook 0; Chesnunt 1, Wycombe HS 0; Armthorpe 3, Alderbrook 0; Wycombe HS 1, Maynard 0; Armthorpe 1, Chesnunt 1, Wycombe HS 2, Alderbrook 0; Maynard 1, Chesnunt 0.

TENNIS

Miss Croft encouraged

Phoenix — Annabel Croft failed to advance beyond the third round of the Virginia Slims of Arizona tournament yesterday, losing 7-5, 6-1 to the fifth seed, Anne White (Barry Wood writes).

Although Miss Croft was the more inventive and imaginative, she was simply outplayed by White and her more authoritative approach. "She managed to scrape out of the first set and that gave her a lot of confidence," Miss Croft said. "By the end she was just hitting the lines and there wasn't a lot I could do."

Miss Croft sees the week as a solid step forward, however. After a dozen first-round defeats last year any victory is a boost to her confidence.

"It is the first time for a while that I've won a couple of rounds," she said. "I felt like I really played well again, so I know my game is still there. It's a matter of getting it together for a long period."

RESULTS: Third round (US unless stated): A Henckisson bt C Porwick (WG), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; S Pete bt C Karlsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; P Barg bt M Van Nostrand, 7-6, 7-5; C Jokisaint (Switz) bt P Harper, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Suire (Fr) bt N Dias (Br), 7-5, 6-2; M Lindstrom (Swe) bt J Polzl (Austria), 0-6, 6-2, 6-2; D Balestrat (Aus) bt I Cueto (WG), 6-3, 6-2; A White bt A Croft (GB), 7-5, 6-1.

REAL TENNIS

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FOOTBALL

Too much at stake for Arsenal to risk bringing Williams back

By Clive White

George Graham must be some poker player. He has accepted Arsenal's unexpected success with impressive nonchalance and his gambles have been calculated ones. Just two rounds away from scooping one of the richest pots, the FA Cup, he has nevertheless resisted the temptation to play one of his trump cards against Watford today – Steve Williams.

Already without Davis, his other creative force in midfield, because of injury, Graham admitted last night that he was sorely tempted. But though Williams's broken arm has mended he has been avoiding physical contact in training. "I was tempted but there's too much at stake, not just tomorrow but for the future."

After two consecutive defeats, their first double failure since the first week of the season, and, more interestingly, two games without a goal, people have been led to assume that with the transfer deadline less than two weeks away, Graham is finally going to buy the forward that everyone has been trying to buy for him all season.

FA CUP

"Since the start of the season I've read that I was poised to buy six forwards at any given moment and the stories have never changed. We have a good laugh about it. If the media can't wait, I certainly can. Maybe its because I'm Scottish or stubborn, but I will do it my way.

"There would have been greater reason for me to buy if we'd beaten Liverpool because then we'd have been one point behind Liverpool. I'm not going to rush it. I'm interested in building something that lasts."

Graham expects Watford to provide Arsenal with one of their hardest games

Watford will again be without Jackett, their Welsh international. Gibbs, who came on as substitute in the win against Everton last Sunday, plays at full back with Bardsley moving into midfield.

Graham is hopeful that all Arsenal's injured, including Davis and Rix, will be playing again in a week or so and that their championship challenge can be relaunched

Not many fancied Coventry City to win the league title or anything else this season other than a place in the second division that is. Yet while their league aspirations are still not taken seriously, they are sufficiently safely and respectably placed in eighth position for their energies to be concentrated elsewhere. It is a mark of that new found respectability that they go to Hillsborough to face Sheffield Wednesday with real hope of progressing to the semi-finals.

Kilcline, their captain, is tipping them to go even further, right the way to Wembley and their first major honour in 104 years. Wednesday have won only three games in their last 15 and not surprizingly Howard Wilkinson, their manager, needed to instill a little confidence in his players by undermining that of Coventry.

"This is our tenth quarter-final match in three and a half years and that's quite a record. Coventry have never been beyond the sixth round and that makes it a big psychological barrier for them to clear."

Why a cup of genius is good for you

A return to the wizardry of Os



Eddy, my Arsenal-supporting neighbour, has been expounding on the virtues of sound method and impeccable professionalism again. All sports come down to line and length, he said. I countered with romance, inspiration and temperamental genius.

It was then he gave me the worst insult he could think of. "You claim to be a neutral," he said. "*But spiritually you are a* Tottenham supporter." And he meant it to sting, by God. That *effectively ended the argument:* on to politics.

Actually, he is only half right. Spiritually, I am also a Wimbledon supporter. Wimbledon are short on genius, perhaps, but long on romance: perpetual underdogs, and when they achieve a miracle and do well, all they get is criticism. They don't score their goals prettily enough. Our division in sporting attitudes is really this: Eddy wants to win the League: I love the Cup.

Wimbledon play Spurs on telly tomorrow, a perfect Cup match: old v new, rich v poor, polished v rough, elegant v effective, done-everything v done-nothing, pretty v ugly. One of the prettiest matches I ever saw was last season's testimonial for Ossie Ardiles at Spurs: Maradona and Hoddle combined for an evening of abstract expressionism.

The only sad thing was that Ardiles himself played about five minutes. Injured, as usual. Never see him again, we thought. Shrug. Nice while it lasted. A mixture of injuries and sadness of the spirit seemed to have crushed the football out of him. But now Ardiles is back, and playing regularly, which he has not been doing since the Falklands War in 1982.

"I am feeling great," he said. "Vairy, vairy good." The English is immaculate, the Argentinian accent *opéra bouffe* even though his son answers the telephone in Cockney.

"No, it is like a dream," Ardiles père continued. "At the beginning of the season the manager said have a go. I was still limping from my last operation. Suddenly, I started to get stronger and stronger."

He is sharp, inventive and aware rather than elegant. He looks sad and out of place on a football field, too slight, you would think, to be effective. He looks ridiculously frail but the physical side of his play at times reminds you of rugby's "poison dwarf" archetype. "I don't mind the physical game, to be honest."

He has done it all, of course: won the World Cup in 1978 before Maradona was even in the team and won the FA Cup twice with Spurs. But the return to full competence, and the chance of another appearance at Wembley, has filled him with delight: the season has been one of those bonuses that life hands out so parsimoniously.

"Now I don't make plans. Too many times I have made plans and seen them go wrong. So now I don't plan, I just play my matches. But I will probably stay with Spurs next season."

There has been speculation that he will soon be coaching, and coaching Spurs, too. "Coaching is a natural development but very much in the future," he said, as if he were 21 again. Actually he is 34 and well into his footballing dotage. Second childhood, perhaps.

Ardiles stands for that rare thing, cosmopolitan thought in England's insular game, and he plays the football of flair and imagination. Openings are created by speed of thought. Wimbledon, of course, play that pastiche of the English style, the ultra-long-ball game, with Fashanu, the man with elbows like Boudicca's chariot wheels, in the front line. Style is just one of the match's tasty contrasts.

"Wimbledon play the sort of football that could only be effective in England," Ardiles said. "It is only in England that the pitches get so bad – in other countries, where the weather is as bad, they stop playing in the winter. In England we play on, the pitches cut up, the ball bounces everywhere and that is how teams like Wimbledon create openings. It is very difficult to translate that into international football.

"But it is simple for us to counteract this sort of game. We play our sort of football, that is all. The team that is strong enough to impose its own brand of football will win on Sunday."

The match has the makings of a cracker. I don't think it will be boring, I told Eddy, the Arsenal supporter. And I meant it to sting, by God.

Schoolboys out for revenge

By a Correspondent

England's exciting and aspiring young stars of the future capture the Wembley limelight this afternoon when they confront a characteristically strong West German outfit. The English youngsters will be aiming to avenge last season's defeat in Germany.

Last April, England schoolboys took on the Germans twice in three days in Berlin and Hanover respectively, but they could manage only a 1-1 draw and a 2-1 defeat.

England, who have a reshaped side since last spring's double-header, include players who have progressed from the FA's School of Excellence at Lilleshall. They made an impressive start to their season two weeks ago by defeating Northern Ireland 3-1 on Luton's artificial pitch. The captain, Michael Turner, who leads the side again, Andrew Cole and Chris Halstead scored the goals.

Rather surprisingly, the team manager, Ralph O'Donnell, has made three changes to the side, omitting Awford, Harrison and Peake who are relegated to the substitutes' bench. In come Cavanagh, Ross and Walters. The match will, as always, attract scouts from top clubs.

ENGLAND: J Winters (Hillingdon), L Crosby (Hartlepool), A Wright (Thamesside), J Cavanagh (Erdington), S Phillips (Derby), C Halstead (Burnley), S Walters (Plymouth), M Ross (Southampton), J Murray (Liverpool), A Cole (Nottingham), M Turner (Ouse Valley). Subs: G Harrison (South London), A Awford (Worcester), S Houghton (Bedford), P Caldwell (Chiltern), J Peake (Coalville).

WEST GERMANY (from): R Cordez, O Bock, S Klos, J Steinegrunner, R Braun, R Ewen, P Qualto, K Engelmann, M Ploessner, J Kramny, M Jung, T Getberter, D Lehmann, A Appel, A Mueller, M Franke.

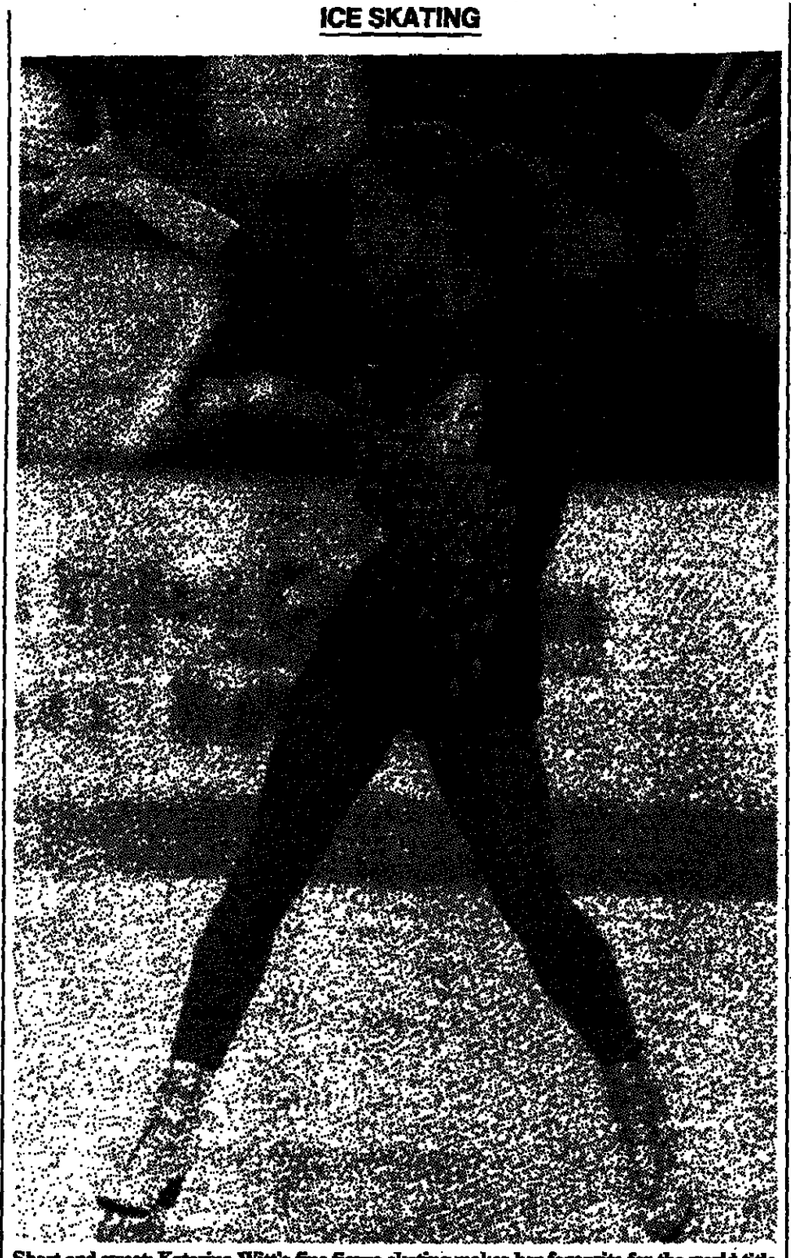
Three no crowd

Berne (AP) – UEFA have begun talks with the European Community that could lead to a recommendation to allow more foreign players for each club than the two generally permitted now. Under pressure from Italian clubs, UEFA may suggest a three-foreigner rule.

Wolves' buy

Wolverhampton Wanderers have singed the winger, Robbie Dennison, for £15,000 from West Bromwich Albion. Dennison is the third Albion player to move to Molineux in recent months.

ICE SKATING



Short and sweet: Katarina Witt's fine figure skating makes her favourite for the world title

Witt moves up for the kill

From John Hennessy, Cincinnati

The scene is set for a tumultuous climax to the world figure skating championships here tonight because five women are well-enough placed to win the title, though, oddly, the present leader is the one least likely to. We have reached the final free-skating section, the weakest element of Kira Ivanova, of the Soviet Union. This means that Miss Ivanova, the East German, Katarina Witt – the champion in 1984 and 1985 and lying in second – and Debi Thomas, the holder from the United States, now third, all have it in them to go out and win the free-skating and, with it, the title.

The elimination of the Soviet Union skater, a realistic proposition, brings both the Canadian, Elizabeth Manley, and Caryn Cadavy, of the United States, strongly into the picture since they both lie within one point of Miss Witt.

The odds are now on the regal East German.

Joanne Conway, the holder of the British title, has done well in her first world championship at the age of 16, but she is hardly likely to be able to improve on her eleventh place after the short programme. Tenth place would carry the bonus of allowing a second Briton to compete in the world championships and Olympics next year, but it seems a forlorn prospect.

The men's final unfortunately did not live up to its big billing on Thursday. Of the three main contenders, only Brian Orser, of Canada, at least avoided error but his skating was not as clean as usual.

Brian Boitano, the winner for the United States last year, reached out for an appointment with history but to no avail. He performed a perfect quadruple toe loop during the warm-up, but he could not quite complete the final rotation in competition and fell heavily. Thus we will have to wait for the first quadruple jump in ice skating.

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS: MEN (after free skating): 1, B Orser (Can), 3.2pts; 2, B Boitano (US), 4.0; 3, A Fadeyev (USSR), 4.8; 4, V Kotin (USSR), 10.4; 5, G Filipowski (Pol), 11.8; 6, V Papanin (USSR), 11.6. British placing: 17, P Robinson, 33.6.

WOMEN'S (after short program): 1, K Ivanova (USSR), 3.0pts; 2, K Witt (EG), 3.4; 3, D Thomas (US), 4.0; 4, E Manley (Can), 4.4; 5, C Kadavy (US), 4.4; 6, C Leistner (WG), 5.0. British placing: 11, Joanne Conway, 10.8.

GOLF

Frost warms to the difficult occasion

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

David Frost, aged 27, from Cape Town and now living in Dallas, took over the early lead yesterday with a 68 in the second round of the Hertz Bay Hill Classic here on Arnold Palmer's 7,103-yard, par-71 course.

The 1986 South African Open champion, who won the Cannes Open and was second in the Benson and Hedges tournament when he played in Europe in 1984, putted efficiently to score four birdies, while Ken Brown gave further proof of his increased stature with a 69.

Nick Faldo, who had one of the biggest first-round scores (79), continued to look out of his depth, going out in 39 on his second round. His discomfort is perhaps natural, as this is his first tournament of the season in America and he could hardly have chosen a more difficult course. It was good, however, to see him practising hard in the sun in his shirt-sleeves. Things will undoubtedly become easier for him at New Orleans next week.

However, after first rounds of 71, both Sandy Lyle and Philip Parkin were soundly placed and had everything to play for as they embarked on the second round.

Friday the thirteenth had some significance for some of the field, golfers in general being a rather superstitious lot. Mark Wiebe, for instance, was extremely careful to take out of a plastic bag in his locker a coin minted in 1968, a 68 being the score he thought he might need to qualify after a 74.

Paul Azinger, the winner in Phoenix in January, continued to make sure that he marked his ball on the greens with a coin that had Lincoln's head pointing directly at the hole. "I'm not superstitious," Azinger insisted, "but you can't be too careful."

RESULTS: Second round: Early leaders (US unless stated): 135: D Frost (SA), 67, 68. 141: B Cole (SA), 71, 70; M Lye, 70, 71. 142: K Brown (GB), 73, 69; A Cerda (Arg), 71, 71. 144: D A Weibring, 75, 69; D Eichelberger, 73, 71. 145: W Rogers, 73, 74.

Eagles aid cup win

By Mel Webb

Uncharitable conditions made the Roehampton Gold Cup, the first important tournament of the season for the country's leading women players, a chilly affair at Roehampton yesterday. But the problems of a biting wind and frozen fairways did little to deter Diane Barnard, aged 22, who became the first professional to win the competition in its 61-year history.

Miss Barnard, from Blackpool, had a patchy morning round of 77, in which the highlight was an eagle at the par-five second, where a drive and a 2-wood left her with a short putt for a three, and another on the 16th where a drive and a 3-wood were followed by a 25-foot putt.

As players attempted to control the ball on fairways made rock-hard by a heavy overnight frost, she put together an afternoon round of 74, one over par, to win by two shots from Susan Moorcraft.

That gave Miss Moorcraft a three shot lead but after lunch the Italian amateur champion, fell away with a 79

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 151: D Barnard (unattached), 77, 74. 153: S Moorcraft (Thorndon Park), 74, 79. 154: C Watson (Hendon), 80, 74. 155: V Thomas (Pennard), 79, 76. 156: S Bennett (Colchester), 79, 77. 157: M McKenna (Donnybrook), 83, 74; S Prosser (Wentworth), 83, 74; J Thornhill (Walton Heath), 79, 78. 158: K Mitchell (Worthing), 80, 80; C Bailey (Tandridge), 78, 81. 161: A Johns (Boston), 83, 78; P Kapp (Hampstead), 81, 80. 162: W Uzielli (Maidstone), 82, 80; C Caldwell (Sunningdale), 83, 79; S Lowe (Broadstone), 78, 84.

BOWLS

Wales lift spoon

By Gordon Allan

Ireland and Wales drew the penultimate match of the CIS home international championship at Aberdeen yesterday. They scored 126 shots each, with Sammy Allen, the Ireland skip, picking up three on a measure on the last end to deny Wales victory in a fluctuating contest.

Play on the other five rinks had finished when Jim Morgan and Allen came to the 21st end in their game. Morgan was eventually forced to burn it and in the replay Allen's men squeezed out the three shots that deprived Wales of their first win in the series and left them with the wooden spoon.

Wales led at the five-end and 10-end marks. But Ireland overtook them to lead 95-87 after 15 ends. Jim Baker beat Ray Hill 30-19, a result balanced by David Wilkins's 24-14 defeat of Ireland's grey eminence, Brendon McBrien. There were only a few shots in it either way on the other rinks.

England, who have been champions since 1983, were meeting Scotland later in the day. Scotland lost 122-111 to Ireland on Thursday, an unexpected result to some, proving that there is little difference in the comparative playing strengths of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It is England who are in a higher league.

RESULTS: Ireland 126, Wales 123 (Ireland skips first): D Hamilton 19, C McGehee 18; S Allen 22, J Morgan 25; D Corkill 19, P Barley 17; J Baker 30, R Hill 19; B McBrien 14, D Wilkins 25; W Watson 22, D Richards 23.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

FA Cup sixth round

Arsenal v Watford

Williams, though recovered, will not be risked by Arsenal. Nicholas is included in a squad which will again miss Davis and Rix. Watford choose the XI who finished off Everton, with Gibbs at right back and Bardsley in midfield.

Sheffield Wednesday v Coventry

Wednesday choose between Hirst and Bradshaw for who partners Chapman. Snodin, who missed last week's 1-0 defeat at Coventry, has recovered from a thigh injury. Coventry expect Bennett and Pickering to declare themselves fit but possibly not Houchen, who injured a groin in training.

First division

Everton (2) v Southampton (17)

Southall should be fit for Everton despite a knee problem. Clarke will make his home debut, though Kendall defers selection. As Case returns from suspension for Southampton so Wallace serves one. Clarke is again kept out by a thigh injury and Baker moves across to left back for Armstrong, who has a calf injury.

Manchester City (19) v Chelsea (13)

Chelsea are still without Dixon, Speedie and Bumstead because of injury but Durie, Hazard and Niedzwiecki have recovered and McLaughlin is available again.

Oxford (16) v L'pool (1)

Liverpool's only doubtful starter is Walsh, who has a toe injury.

QPR (12) v Nottingham Forest (5)

Walker is back in contention for Rangers but Rosenior remains in the reserves. Webb has failed to recover from a hamstring injury so Metgod comes into the Forest side.

Second division

Sunderland (15) v Plymouth (4)

Armstrong misses his first game of the season for Sunderland. Burley returns in place of Agboola and Curran is dropped, possibly in favour of Atkinson. Gates and Buchanan are added to the squad.

Tomorrow

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Wigan v Leeds

Wigan will be at full strength with the return of Butler, the full back. Leeds have Ormsby and Beard suspended and Aizelwood and McDonald cup-tied. Rennie, Edwards and Ritchie come in and the fourth vacancy goes to Buckley or Swan.

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Tottenham include Hoddle, who has missed the last two games, in their squad. Stevens plays his first game at right back (in place of the injured Danny Thomas) since fracturing his shoulder against Wimbledon in November. Wimbledon expect to recall Fairweather who fractured a toe recently. Sanchez (groin) and Winterburn (cold) will also be there.
(Figures in parentheses indicate league position).

YACHTING

Childerley wins with race in hand

Cannes – Stuart Childerley yesterday added another first place to a near perfect score at the regatta here to clinch the Finn-class series with a race in hand (Roger Lean-Vercoe writes).

In another day of light, patchy and shifting winds Childerley showed amazing boat speed. Sailing up the centre of the course he weaved his way through the fleet making the best of the shifts.

FINN CLASS: Fifth race: 1, Childerley (GB); 2, Miro (Sp); 3 Luchetti (It). Other British placings: 12, Tennior.
WOMEN'S 470: Fifth Race: 1, Zabel/Ybarra (Sp), 2 Wanrandon/La Fuarse (EG), 3, Jordan/Jordan (GB) Other British placings: 7, Marks/Agams; 8, Hedgecock/Rushall; 14, Shellcock/Campbell.
FLYING DUTCHMEN: Fourth Race: 1, Berger/Berger (Fr), 2, Savelli/Terenzi (It); 3, L Doreste/Serra (Sp). British placings: 8, Yeoman/Burgin; 15, Henderson/Bowers; 17, Aspinall/Clark.
MEN'S 470: Fourth Race: 1, Mura/Andreu (Sp); 2, Brezzo/Schuz (EG); 3, Garcia-Tunon/Torralba (Sp). British placings: 24, Rogerson/Selby; 25, Hayne/Phillips; 31, Stewart/Tilsm; 32, Teasdale/Calder; 37, Sproul/Teasdale; 39, Atkins/Ellis.
STAR CLASS: Fourth Race: 1, G Doreste/Buguera (Sp).
SOLING CLASS: Fourth Race: 1, Chourgnoz/Herpin/Rinaldi (Fr).

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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 116, Phoenix Suns 105, New Jersey Nets 123, Milwaukee Bucks 108; Houston Rockets 121, San Antonio Spurs 112; Los Angeles Lakers 125, Portland Trail Blazers 116; Utah Jazz 113, Sacramento Kings 109.
EUROPEAN CUP: Men's semi-final group matches: (Moscow) Zalgiris Kaunas (USSR) bt Orthez (Fr), 94-84. (Madrid) Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) bt Real Madrid (Sp), 89-82. (Milan) Tracer Milan (It) bt Zadar (Yug), 106-85. Final positions: 1, Tracer Milan, 17pts; 2, Maccabi Tel Aviv, 17; 3, Ortnez, 16; 4, Zadar, 14; 5, Zalgiris Kaunas, 13; 6, Real Madrid, 13. Tracer Milan to play Moscow in final.
EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Women's final: Salonika: Primagi Vicenza (It) bt Dinamo Novosibirsk (USSR), 99-73.
CRYSTAL PALACE: Carlsberg national championship play-offs: Crystal Palace, Third round: Bl London 118 (Roberts 32, Kellybrew 26, Stimpson 18, Pakki 11, Best 10), Leicester 102 (Young 34, Vaughan 30, James 12, Harris 10). BCP London win series 2-1.
BRITISH MASTERS: Second round, first leg: HTS Portsmouth 117 (Cumbes 27, Ingle 24), Birmingham Heartbeat 92 (Hayes 32, Shoulders 25).

BOXING

ALBERT HALL: George Wheeny ABA national championships: London division finals: Light-flyweight (48kgs): N Cantwell (Elthorn) bt J Simpson (RAF Uxbridge); rsc 3rd. Fly (51kgs): R Hurst (Newcastle) bt D Hoy (Kilmarnock), ko 2nd. Bantam (54 kgs): M Dickinson (Kingston) bt B Beard (Elthorn), pts. Feather (57kgs): C McMillan (Barking) bt T Davis (Penge), pts. Light (60kgs): M Ayers (Aldgate) bt R Gilbert (Repton-Thurrock), pts. Light-welter (63.5kgs): R Bryan (Priory Lodge) bt W Cousens (Newco-Reunion), ko 2nd. Welter (67kgs) M Spillane (Hasborough) bt D Marshall (Finchley), pts. Light-middle (71kgs): W Mary (Fairbairn) bt K Wishart (Elthorn), pts. Middle (75kgs): R Douglas (Broad Street) w/o D Brown (Albion), scr. Light-heavy (81kgs): J Beckles (Fairbairn) bt E Guthrie (Lynn), pts. Heavy (91kgs): H Alexander (Lynn) bt P Stevens (Metropolitan Police), rsc 1st. Super-heavy (over 91kgs): J Oyebola (Albion) bt P Newton (Metropolitan Police), ko 1st.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Northampton 31, RAF 18.

CYCLING

SÃO PAULO, Brazil: Tour of Brazil: First leg: 1, F Louro (Sp) 1hr 52min 14sec, 2, L Moyano (Arg) 1.52.45; 3, T Gogoshi (U.S.) 1.52.50.

EQUESTRIANISM

ESSEN, West Germany: World Cup: Final: (Dressage): 1, C Stueckelberger (Switz) on Gauguin de Lully, 1,469pts; 2, Anne Grethe Jensen (Den) Marzog, 1,422; 3, H Krug (WG) Muscadeur I, 417; 4, C Isbey (Can) Dynasty 1,413; 5, G Theodorescu (WG) Sonny Boy 1,407; 6, G Grillo (WG) Losanoer 1,364.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Shelf United 2, Leicester 1; Liverpool 1, Leeds 0; Nottingham Forest 3, Sunderland 1; Second division: Scunthorpe 0, Huddersfield 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Macclesfield 4, Hyde 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Galtow Cup: Third round replay: Aylesbury 3, Dorchester 0.

GOLF

BANGKOK: Thailand Open championship: Second round: 134: J Jacobs (US). 136: I Sugita (Japan), C Tze-Ming (Taiwan). 137: G Twigas (US), B Mencza (Phil). 138: A Russell (US), P Fowler (Aust), K Hila Han (Burma), V Regalado (Mex), L Chua-Hua (Tai), L Kuo-Chin (Taiwan), L Hsi-Chuan (Tai), J Maggert (US), S Snasi-nga (Thai). 140: M Siddiqi (Phil), M Allen (US), P Horgan (US). 141: J Rutledge (Can), B R Brown (US), J Haller (US), T Pernice (US), P Ruayman (Thai).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (pts): Boston Bruins 6, St Louis Blues 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 8, Quebec Nordiques 3; New York Rangers 6, Philadelphia Flyers 1.

BIATHLON

VINGROM, Norway: 20km men's world championships: 1, M Jacob (EG), 54min 44.2sec (one penalty); 2, F P Rosach (EG), 54:55.8 (one); 3, A Tsilmanich (EG), 55:04.2 (two). World Cup: 1, Rosach, 181pts; 2, Matzuis, 165; 3, V Medvechev (USSR), 163.

SKIING

YAMANOUCHI, Japan: FIS-For Ever Cup: Men's giant slalom: 1, P Accola (Switz) 1min 57.22sec; 2, S Locher (Switz) 1:57.38; 3, J Sundqvist (Swe) 1:57.39.

SPEED SKATING

INZELL, West Germany: Women's World Cup: Finals: 1,000m: 1, B Blair (US), 1min 20.76sec; 2, C Aalfink (Neth), 1:22.91; 3, I Haringa (Neth), 1:23.03.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: French Open: Quarter-finals: Men: P Kenyon (GB) bt R Hill (Aus) 17-16, 12-15, 15-6, 15-10. Women: 2-Leg Ople (GB) bt C Kennewell (Aus) 15-11, 15-11, 11-15, 15-4; S Devoy (NZ) bt E Irving (Aus) 15-13, 15-7, 10-15, 15-6.
Men: Second round: S Hallstone (GB) bt Umar Hyatt Khan (Pak), 7-15, 15-10, 15-12, 11-15, 15-6; S Davenport (NZ) bt Jansher Khan (Pak), 15-9, 15-11, 15-14; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt A Wakefield (Eng), 11-15, 15-12, 15-12, 12-15, 12-7; C Dilmar (Aus) bt G Brinn (GB), 17-16, 15-7, 15-11; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Martin (Aus), 15-10, 15-3, 15-17, 15-6; P Kenyon (GB) bt M Roberts (Aus), 15-4, 15-13, 15-8; R Norman (NZ) bt J Sockerung (Swe), 12-15, 15-8, 15-11, 17-15; R Hill (Aus) bt G Waite (Can), 15-12, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10.

TENNIS

MARCO ISLAND, Florida: Women's team tournament: First round: (US unless stated): L Rachel and E Burgin (Aus) bt M Bournazikova and A Temesvari (Hun), 1-6, 6-0, 6-3; B Nagelsen and R Wiese bt E Burgin and R Fairbank (SA), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; C Lloyd and W Turnbull (Aus) bt A Smith and G Fernandez (P Rico), 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; E Smylie (Aus) and C Tanner (Fr) bt Z Garrison and K Reinald, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5.

YACHTING

BOMBAY: Enterprise Commonwealth Regatta: Race 4: 1, J (Inwalla (India), 2, N Marston and K Crabbin (Blackpool & Fleetwood YC), 3, S Venables & Miss J Hutton (Shrapnel SC). Race 5: 1, P Wazgar & Miss J Southworth (Bristol Corinthian YC); 2, H Mayavala (India); 3, G&M Ellis (Leigh & Loughton SC).
LONG BEACH, California: Congressional Cup: Day two (round robin): C Dickson (NZ) bt I Murray (Aus), C Dickson bt R Harring (US); C Dickson bt P Isler (US), M Reid (US) bt I Murray.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	45	180	good	varied	icy	fine	-6
Good skiing upper slopes							
Obergurgl	70	200	good	varied	good	sun	-7
Excellent skiing							
FRANCE							
Flaine	110	210	good	varied	fair	fair	2
Good skiing, some icy patches							
Val Thorens	130	245	good	crust	good	fine	-5
Lovely sunny skiing							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	120	good	powder	good	sun	1
New snow on hard base							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstadd	35	95	good	varied	fair	sun	-1
Good spring skiing							
Klosters	85	185	good	crust	fair	fine	0
Good skiing everywhere							
St Moritz	50	70	good	varied	icy	fine	-1
Lower pistes becoming icy							
Verbier	45	205	good	fair	fair	fine	5
Good skiing conditions							
Wengen	55	145	good	spring	good	fine	-1
Excellent spring skiing							
Zermatt	40	170	good	heavy	icy	fine	-1
Good snow above 2000 metres							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

AUSTRIA

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Bad Kleia		
Baqueira Beret (Lerida)	60	90
Kirchheim	30	80
Brand	50	160
Igls	10	235
Ischgl	80	190
Lech	135	280
Mayrhofen	10	120
Neoerbo	20	120
St Anton	70	360
Saalbach	80	190
Schladming	70	220
Seefeld	80	110
Soelden	60	200
Wasserdorf	35	140
Zell am See	30	175

e Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

SPAIN

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Pyrennes		
Baqueira Beret (Lerida)	80	90
Candanchu (Huesca)	20	85
La Molina (Gerona)		closed
South		
Sierra Nevada (Granada)	10	150

e Information supplied by the Spanish National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with many icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, some runs complete with many icy patches; vertical runs, 1800ft: hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1500ft: hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Fraser to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1300ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: Sunny intervals and showers, more widespread over the Western Highlands and falling as snow on slopes above 2000ft; winds moderate or fresh northeasterly backing westerly and increasing to gale force on summits; freezing level, 2500ft.
Outlook for tomorrow: Sunny intervals and further rain or snow showers, these dying out later; wind strong west or northwesterly, easing later.
e Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.15pm-5.20 Sports news Wales 12.40am-12.45 Weather SCOTLAND 5.15pm-5.20 Scottish news and sport 10.25-10.55 Sportscene (10.55-11.25 Andy Cameron Live) NORTHERN IRELAND As England-5.05 Northern Ireland results (part of Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland news 11.25-12.25am Christy Moore In Concert 12.25-12.30 News and weather ENGLAND 5.15pm-5.20 South and East (London) – Sport South and West (Plymouth) – Spotlight sport and news. All other regions – regional news and sport.

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 2.05pm-6.25 Conference-57 – The Labour Party in Perth.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Terzan 1.20pm-2.15 Fall Guy 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 12.40am Call of the Cloister. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.00am Spiderwoman 11.30-12.00 Mr Merlin 1.20pm Mary 1.25-2.15 Rallycross 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Mister T 11.30-12.00 Under the Mountain 1.20pm Knight Rider 2.15-2.45 Who's The Boss? 12.40am Elton John 1.40 Jobfinder 2.40 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Starting Point 1.00pm Les Francais Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus. 11.30 Silk Road 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Carrtoon 11.00 Sunday Service 11.30-12.00 Pull Up Little 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Face the Press 5.30-6.00 Survival 3.00 Bullseye 3.30 Supergran 4.00-5.00 Scoreboard 11.30 Scottish Labour Conference 12.30am Reflections. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 1.20-2.15 Magnum 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 12.40am Reflections. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Cartoon 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace 12.30am Company. Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 1.20pm-1.30 Fall Guy 10.45 Cup Rugby: Bristol v Leicester 11.30 Film: In Broad Daylight 12.45am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 10.45am-12.40am Film: Private Benjamin.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am Firecall XL5 11.25 Crystal Tipps 11.30-12.00 Smurfs 1.20pm-1.30 Hart to Hart 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 12.40am Late Call. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Chips 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow and Mrs King 5.05 Newsroom 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 12.40am Barclay James Harvest 1.30 Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Suzanne 1.20pm-2.15 Tucker's Witch 12.40 Poetry of the People. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 UFO 4.55-5.00 Sports Results 12.40am Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow and Mrs King 12.40am Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.30am Union World 11.00 Week in Politics 11.40 What the Papers Say? 12.00 Star-bathing Bite 12.30 The Defender 1.05 Anglo 1.35 Rocking 3.10 Land of Antiquities 3.30 Aardman 4.00 Films: Fantasy and a Day* 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Speed Chess 7.00 Marvels of Time 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Shanidar 8.20 Silver on Brazil 9.05 Y Wasg Chwaraeon 9.53 Gyrfaoedd Jenis '87 10.05 ER *10.35 Ask Dr Ruth 11.15 Badminton 12.00 Ice Skating 2.00am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 10.40am-11.05 Conference Report. 11.55-12.20am The World of U540. 12.20-12.25 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.00am-12.10pm Conference 87. 12.35-12.55 Landward. 3.00-3.25 Take Nobody's World for It. 3.25-3.40 Parent Programme. 3.40-4.05 Telejournal. 4.05-4.45 Opening the Windows. 4.45-4.50 Crockatt Doodle Doo. 11.55-12.00 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.40am-11.30 Ulster Orchestra. 11.30-11.55 Simon King's Country Diary. 11.55-12.15am The World of U540. 12.15-12.35 This Sky at Night. 12.35-12.40 News and weather.

BBC2 WALES: 2.00pm-2.50 Rugby Special Wales.

End

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Beverly Hillbillies* 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 11.30 New Avengers 12.30am Last Book. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 11.30 Labour Scottish Conference 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 1.00pm Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 11.30 Jazz and Blues 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

● Hans Werne Henze grew up in Hitler's Germany and after the war saw music as his only possible future. **The Middle of Life** (BBC2, 7.35pm), made for his 60th birthday, follows conductor Simon Rattle through rehearsals for Henze's enormously technical seventh symphony. Rattle confesses it is an extraordinarily hard piece. This rather tickles Henze who replies that it was composed deliberately as a letter to an orchestra, and adds it wasn't easy to write either.

● After the United States' defeat in Vietnam, Hollywood and Sylvester Stallone tried with *Rambo* to restore lost glory, but there was bound to

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be a reaction against such single-handed fantasies. Oliver Stone was a veteran and *Platoon*, his film about Vietnam, emphasizes the common as opposed to individual experience, and has been the surprise hit of the season in the US. **Saturday Review** (BBC2, 8.35pm) looks at Hollywood's treatment of the Vietnam war.

● **Saturday-Night Theatre** (Radio 4, 7pm), is an adaptation of Michael Frayn's *Alphabetical Order*, with Penelope Wilton, Rosalind Ayres and Martin Jarvis.

Chris Petit



Riding the bad times: Jockey Jonjo O'Neill, seen here with Bob Champion, talks about his life (Ch4, 1.05pm)



Life after the front line: Nicholas Campbell as a Canadian war hero and Sioned Mair in Going Home (BBC2, 10.05pm)

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● "Perhaps it is part of the misfortune of Ireland that nearly all the characteristics which give colour and attraction to Irish life are bound up with a social condition that is near to penury." So wrote J. M. Synge in a commission for the *Manchester Guardian*. **To the Western World** (Channel 4, 3.15pm), narrated by John Huston, recreates the journey made by Synge and artist Jack Yates through Connemara in 1905. Seeing this ruined and desolate landscape now, it is hard to believe that it was then declared congested, despite famine and emigration, and incapable of supporting its inhabitants.

● **Screen Two: Going Home** (BBC2, 10.05pm), like *The Monocled Mutineer*, concerns insubordination in the ranks. In the months after the First World War, Canadian troops billeted in North Wales found their return home severely delayed, and what should have been a peaceful interlude after the fighting turned into a bloodbath. A bitter story, slow to build, is sweetened with a not entirely convincing romance. Nicholas Campbell is quietly effective as the reluctant war hero.

C. P.

BBC 1

6.45 Open University.
8.30 The Hunter. (r) **8.35** Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. (r)
9.00 Saturday SuperStore managed by Mike Read. Among the customers in the music department are Janet Jackson and Terence Trent D'Arby.
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) **12.20** Football Focus with Bob Wilson; **12.40** Skating: the World Figure Skating Championships; **1.00** News and weather; **1.05** Motocross: the British Ferries Early Bird meeting; **1.25, 1.55, 2.25** and **3.25** Racing from Chepstow; **1.40** Water Polo: Portobello v London Poly; **2.10** Gymnastics; **2.40** Ice Hockey: Durham Wasps v Dundee Rockets; **3.40** Half-times **3.50** Rugby League: a Challenge Cup match; **4.40** Final score.
5.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather. **5.15** Sport/Regional news.
5.20 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series.
5.45 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Mr Savile fixes it is a young teenager who finds her school uniform boring. (Ceefax)
6.20 The Little and Large Show. The guest is Nick Hayward. (Ceefax)
7.00 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz game. (Ceefax)
7.35 One By One. Episode three and Donald discovers he has been left with inexperienced keepers. (Ceefax)
8.25 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates a number of minor offences which eventually lead to a collision with a Mafia 'hit' squad. (r) (Ceefax)
9.20 News and sport. With Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.35 Cagney and Lacey. Christine Cagney has a troubled conscience when a former colleague faces trial for the murder of a suspected rapist. (Ceefax)
10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from one of today's FA Cup quarterfinal games.
11.25 Film: Deadly Harvest (1962) starring Richard Boone and Patty Duke. A Russian defector who has been living in secure incognito in California, is threatened by a mystery attacker. He then discovers that US intelligence is no longer keeping his name or location a secret. Directed by Michael O'Herlihy.
2.40 Weather.

BBC 2

6.50 Open University. Until **1.55.**
2.05 Chess Classic. John Nunn of Britain meets Russia's Gary Kasparov in the OHRA Chess Tournament in Brussels.
2.35 Julianna: A Portrait. Julianna Fjeld, an American actress and poet, is deaf. She talks about how she came to terms with the situation, and her role in Children of a Lesser God.
3.00 Film: David Copperfield" (1935) starring Freddie Bartholomew, W.C.Fields, and Lionel Barrymore. Dickens's classic tale tracing the story of a young man from childhood to adulthood. Directed by George Cukor.
5.05 World Figure Skating Championships. The Free Dance event.
5.45 The Week in the Lords.
6.25 Micro Live includes a look behind the scenes of the Epcot Center in Florida.
6.55 NewsView with Jan Leeming and Moira Stuart. Weather.
7.35 The Middle of Life: Hans Werner Henze at 60. Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a film celebrating the German composer's creativity by following the progress of Henze's Seventh Symphony from rehearsal to performance. The composer talks about his life and work in conversation with Rattle. (see Choice)
8.35 Saturday Review presented by Russell Davies. Film: Gilbert Adair on Oliver Stone's *Platoon*; and Fashion: Elizabeth Wilson examines the return of constructive clothing. (see Choice)
9.20 Film: Fanny and Alexander. Part three of the four-film story of a young man's emergence into manhood, and Fanny and Alexander move into their stepfather's austere residence. Directed by Ingmar Bergman.
10.20 Film: The Seventh Seal" (1957) starring Max Von Sydow and Gunnar Bjornstrand. On his return from the Crusades, a knight discovers his land ravaged by plague and the survivors taking refuge in religion. The spectre of Death appears before the knight who challenges him to a game of chess, the result of which lies the fate of life itself. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Ends at **12.00.**

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6.55 TV-am presented by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.58**; news at **7.00**; sport at **7.10.**
7.30 The Wide Awake Club.
8.25 No 73. Fun and games for the young. **11.00** The Outsiders. Adventure serial set in Australia. (r)
12.00 News with Nicholas Owen.
12.05 Saint and Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme. **12.30** Ice Skating. The World Figure Skating Championships.
1.20 Chips. California Highway Patrol adventures. **2.15** Please, Sir! Comedy series starring John Alderton as a harassed schoolmaster.
2.45 Championship Boxing from the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre. The British Welterweight title bout between Kirkland Laing of Nottingham, and London's Sylvester Mittoe.
4.45 Results service.
5.00 News.
5.05 Walt Disney Presents. Three Blind Mouseketeers. (r)
5.15 Connections.
5.45 The A-Team. The resourceful quartet raid a Pacific island where a friend is being held hostage by drug smugglers. (r)
6.45 Bobby Davro's TV Weekly. Comedy impressions from the host and his guest, Jessica Martin.
7.15 Me and My Girl. Comedy series starring Richard O'Sullivan and Tim Brooke-Taylor.
7.45 The Price is Right. Game show presented by Leslie Crowther.
8.45 News and sport.
9.00 Hunter. The first of a new series and the Los Angeles detective and Dee Dee are on the trail of a gang of drug theives responsible for the death of a prostitute. Starring Fred Dryer and Stepfanie Kramer.
10.00 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel's guests are Joan Rivers, Ian Botham, and Patrick Lichfield.
10.45 LWT News headlines followed by Film: Private Benjamin (1980) starring Goldie Hawn as the poor little rich girl who joins the army in order to escape her over-protective parents. Directed by Howard Zieff.
12.40 Mirror image. Blancmange in concert. Ends at **1.30.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 A Question of Economics. Programme 19 (r) **9.50** 4 What It's Worth. (r) **10.20** The Living Body. Following food as it makes its way down 12 metres of intestine. (r) **10.45** The World - A Television History. Part eight - Islam, 600-1200. (r)
11.15 Mountbatten. Part two of the story of Lord Mountbatten covers the period from 1917 to 1922. (r) **12.15** Isaura the Slave Girl. (r) **12.55** World of Animation.
1.05 Jonjo. Former jump jockey-turned trainer, Jonjo O'Neill talks to Olivia O'Leary about his long and illustrious career and his present battle with cancer.
1.35 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. The 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 (The William Hill Imperial Cup) races.
3.10 Film: Chu Chin Chow" (1934) starring George Robey and Anna May Wong. Musical version of the legend of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. Directed by Walter Forde.
5.00 Brookside. (r)(Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply presented by Gus Macdonald.
6.30 Speed Chess Challenge. The fourth game between Nigel Short and Gary Kasparov.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by 7 Days. Hazel Evans talks about how she has come to terms with living with two dying sons; and an assessment of Gorbachov's first two years at Russia's helm. With the London correspondent of Pravda.
7.30 Horses. Part one of a new six-programme series examining the role of the horse in the development of human civilization. (Oracle)
8.30 Stairs. A lighthearted look at the role of stairs in films. (r)
9.00 The Power Game" Sixties Boardroom drama serial starring Patrick Wymark. (r)-(Oracle)
10.00 Saturday Live. Music and comedy show presented by Ben Elton. Among the guests are The Bhundu Boys and Randolph the Remarkable.
11.15 International Badminton. The semifinals of the Yonex All England Championships.
12.00 Ice Skating. Live from Cincinnati, the Ladies' Free programme of the World Figure Skating Championships. Ends at approximately **2.00.**

BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Until **2.30.**
8.55 Play School. **9.15** Signs of Hope from St John's Church, Taunton. **10.00** Asian Magazine.
10.30 Take Nobody's Word for It. (r) **10.55** The Interview Game. Part one. (r) **11.20** Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. (r) **11.30** Parent Programme. Post-natal care (r) **11.45** Telejournal(r)
12.10 See Hear. For the hearing impaired **12.35** Farming investigates the causes and consequences of the deep recession in the beef sector. **12.55** Weather.
1.00 This Week Next Week. Will tax cuts help Britain's poor and create jobs? With Kenneth Clarke, Bryan Gould, and Shirley Williams. **2.00** EastEnders. (r) (Ceefax).
3.00 Film: The Philadelphia Story" (1940) starring Cary Grant, James Stewart and Katharine Hepburn. Romantic comedy. Directed by George Cukor. (Ceefax)
4.45 World Figure Skating Championships. The Ladies Free Programme.
5.20 Antiques Roadshow visits Camborne in Cornwall. (Ceefax)
6.15 Lifeline. The latest charity news; and Jack Ashley appeals on behalf of the TV Fund for the Deaf.
6.25 News with Jan Leeming. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Macartan Cathedral, Monaghan. (Ceefax)
7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Clegg receives news of the death of an old school pal. (Ceefax)
7.45 The District Nurse. Megan is faced with decisions about her professional future. (Ceefax)
8.35 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: exploration of Africa 1788-1888; the political history of the United States 1923-1980; the novels of Paul Scott; and the life and career of Orde Wingate.
9.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.20 That's Life!
10.05 Heart of the Matter with Helena Kennedy.
10.40 The World of U840. The first of a new series in which the Smith family from Peterlee explain the realities of being jobless.
11.05 Simon King's Country Diary. The wildlife of the southern counties. (r)
11.35 The Sky at Night. News of a new supernova.
11.55 Weather.

BBC 2

6.50 Open University. Until **1.55.**
2.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the games between Watsonians and Selkirk; and Middlesex and Cornwall, introduced by Nigel Starmer-Smith.
2.50 100 Great Sporting Moments. Arkle's 1964 Cheltenham Gold Cup struggle with Mill House. (r)
3.00 Cox and Box. A one-act opera by Arthur Sullivan and F.C.Burnard. With Russell Smythe, Thomas Lawlor, the Ambrosian Opera Chorus, and the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Alexander Faris.
4.00 The Sheffield Gang Wars. Mike Mckay unravels the complex truth about the gang warfare of Sheffield during the 1920s. (r)
4.30 Music in Camera. Percussionist James Wood highlights the pioneers and performs recent works for solo percussion.
5.20 Thinking Aloud. "Who put the bang in the Big Bang?" is discussed by Paul Davies, William Newton-Smith, Richard Gregory. Michael Ignatieff is in the chair.
6.00 Ski Sunday. The Men's Downhill from Nakiska. Last programme of the series.
6.30 The Money Programme includes a report by William Horley in South Korea on why that country has the fastest-growing economy in Asia.
7.15 On the House. 'Do-it-Yourself' about the home.
7.45 The First Eden. Part two of David Attenborough's four-programme series on the development of the Mediterranean world. (Ceefax)
8.40 International Darts. Wales v England in the Haywards Foods British International Championship.
9.25 Did You See...? presented by Ludovic Kennedy. Heart of the Country, Tutti Frutti, and Promises and Piecrust, are discussed by Anne Nightingale, Bel Mooney, and Anthony Howard.
10.05 Screen Two: Going Home (1986) starring Nicholas Campbell. A drama about Canadian soldiers in a North Wales transit camp waiting to return home in triumph after the First World War. Directed by Terry Ryan. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.45 International Darts. Highlights of the match between Wales and England. Ends at **12.20.**

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6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment; **7.00** Are You Awake Yet?; **7.25** Wac Extra.
8.30 David Frost on Sunday. The guests are Ken Livingstone, Peter Kellner, Tim Rice, and Eve Pollard.
9.25 Wake Up London **9.30** Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears **10.00** No 73. Fun and games for the young **10.30** The Adventures of Black Beauty. (r)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Mary's Whitkirk, Leeds **11.45** The Old Testament in Art. The Patriarchs as depicted by the Old Masters.
12.00 Weekend World. Would tax cuts for the rich be better or worse for Britain? **1.00** Police Five with Shaw Taylor **1.15** The Smurfs. (r)
1.30 Link examines a scheme which tries to give confidence for the job-hunting disabled **2.00** LWT News headlines followed by Encounter. What it means to be a Buddhist.
2.30 The Big Match Live. The FA Cup sixth round game between Wimbledon and Tottenham Hotspur. The commentator is Brian Moore.
4.30 Supergran. Children's fantasy series starring Gudrun Ure and Ian Cuthbertson.
5.00 International Athletics. The Dairy Crest International from RAF Cosford.
6.00 The Television Show. Previews, reviews, and location reports.
6.30 News with Nicholas Owen.
6.40 Highway. With Sir Harry in Hanover.
7.15 Catchphrase. Hi-tech puzzle game presented by Roy Walker.
7.45 Surprise Surprise. Cilla Black astonishes some members of the audience.
8.45 News.
9.00 Clive James on Television. A look at some of the more bizarre programmes to be seen on television around the world. (r)
9.30 The British Academy Awards introduced by Nick Ross. The presentations are made by Princess Anne.
10.30 The South Bank Show. A profile of the singer, Barbara Dickson.
11.30 LWT News headlines followed by Cutter to Houston. An introductory episode to a new series about three doctors working in a small Texas community hospital. Ends at **12.20.**

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9.25 Sunday East. Gurinder Chadha talks to two Indian artists, Dhruva Mistry, and Supeta Biswas. Followed by Deewarain. Drama serial set in a Pakistan village.
10.00 The World This Week. Reaganism weakened by Irangate and challenged by Gorbachov; is there an alternative way forward for the United States? With George McGovern and Carl Bernstein.
11.00 Worzel Gummidge. (r) **11.30** The Waltons. Episode 21. **12.30** The Tube includes performances from Janet Jackson and Grace Jones. (r)
2.00 Rebecca, The Little Chimney Sweep, and Hand in Hand, three programmes for the young hearing impaired.
2.30 Film: Shoulder Arms" (1918) starring and directed by Charlie Chaplin. Comedy about an incompetant American army recruit.
3.15 To the Western World. A dramatized documentary reconstructing a journey across Connemara made by John Millington Synge and Jack B Yeats, in 1905. (see Choice)
3.55 Elizabeth Maconchy. A tribute to the classical composer, marking her 80th birthday.
4.45 Robinson Country. Robert Robinson visits Dunster Country Fair. (r)
5.15 News summary and weather followed by The Business Programme. A Budget special examining the Chancellor's options; and an interview with Roy Hattersley.
6.00 International Badminton. The finals of the Yonex All England Championships.
7.15 The World at War. Part 15 of the 26-programme history of the Second World War. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 A-Z of C&W with Hank Wangford. Programme four of Hank Wangford's five-part history of Country and Western music.
9.15 Armchair Theatre: The Trouble With Our Ivy" by David Perry. A black comedy about rivalry and jealousy in suburbia. (r)
10.20 Film: Serious Charge" (1959) starring Anthony Quayle and Sarah Churchill. Drama about a vicar who is falsely accused of homosexual assault. Directed by Terence Young.
12.10 The Twilight Zone: The Eye of the Beholder" A tale from the supernatural. Ends at **12.40.**

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6.00 Andy Peebles **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **4.00** The Stereo Sequence, incl **2.00-3.00** Rebel Yell, **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **5.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **6.00pm**) Headlines **7.30am.** Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02** **4.00pm** Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You (BBC Concert Orchestra) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Black Magic (Stanley Black, his piano and Langham Orchestra) **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Sunday Soapbox **7.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **7.30** Operetta Nights **8.30** Sunday Half Hour (from Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows (BBC Radio Orchestra) **10.45** Bryan Evans at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only). The Parents' Centre.
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Aubade. Bax, The Happy Forest (Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson); Barrios, Sueño en la floresta (John Williams, guitar); Strauss (son), Tales from the Vienna Woods (Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Liszt, Die Loreley (Sylvia Sass, soprano, Andras Schiff, piano); Smetna, Vitava (Ma Vlast: Israel PO under Walter Weller).
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Aubade (cont). Nicolai, Overture: The Merry Wives of Windsor (Vienna PO under Lorin Maazel); Ravel, Introduction and Allegro (Melos Ensemble of London); Rameau; Courante: Gigues en rondeaux Nos 1 and 2; Le rappel des oiseaux (Suite in E minor:Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Respighi, Suite: The Birds (San Francisco SO under Edo de Waart).
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review. Building a library: Beethoven's Quintet for piano and wind orchestra, Op 16, and reviews of British music on record.
10.15 Stereo Release. Bax, Winter Legends (LPO under Bryden Thomson, with Margaret Fingerhut piano); Bernard Stevens, Cello Concerto (BBC SO under Edward Downes, with soloist Alexander Baillie).
11.30 Toronto Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis, with Louis Lortie (piano). Berlioz, Overture: Le corsaire; Beethoven, Piano Concerto No 2, in B flat; Mussorgsky, orch Ravel, Pictures from an Exhibition. (Includes interval reading at 12.10)
1.00 News
1.05 The Wallace Collection. Music for brass, including works by Diabelli, Fantini, Vivani, Mozart, Berlo, Arnold, Ruggles, Altenburg and Storace.
2.05 Peter Hill (piano) plays Mozart's Rondo in A minor (K 511), Busoni's Sonatina seconda, and Beethoven's Sonata in C minor, Op 111.
3.00 Switzerland. Music with Swiss associations. Liszt, Au lac de Wallenstadt; Au bord d'une source; Brahms, Wie Melodien zieht es mir; Wagner, Träume (Wesendonk Lieder); Hermann Goetz, Spring Overture, Op 15; Schubert, Gesang der Geister über den Wassern (D 714); Schweizerlied (D 559); Der Wanderer (D 649); Totengräbers Heimweha (D 842); Schumann, Manfred, Op 115 (Overture and excerpts from the incidental music to Byron's dramatic poem).
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Peter Clayton.
5.45 Critics' Forum. Includes BBC1's Tutti Frutti, Seamus Finnegan's play Ghetto, sculpture by Tony Cragg at the Hayward Gallery and films The Hustler and The Color of Money.
6.25 The Organ Sonatas of Alexandre Guilmant, played by Christopher Herrick.
7.10 The Enchantress. Tchaikovsky's opera Charodyeika, sung in Russian on records, conducted by Gennadi Provatorov. (Includes interval reading at 8.50pm).
10.30 Cineastes for the State. Nigel Andrews presents a documentary about Soviet cinema.
11.00 Arditti String Quartet plays Michael Finnissy's String Quartet (first broadcast), Bent Sorensen's Aiman, Brian Ferneyhough's Adagissimo (first UK broadcast), and Jonathan Harvey's Quartet No 2.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer For The Day **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 Today. Incl **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.55** Weather; Travel **8.25** The Weekies **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Sports On 4
9.30 Breakaway. Radio 4's travel and leisure programme.
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests.
11.00 The Week in Westminster. with Peter Riddell of the Financial Times.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad reported by BBC correspondents.
11.55 The Weekend on 4
12.00 News; Money Box. Listeners' questions about personal finance.
12.27 The News Quiz (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? from Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Dilys Powell's History of the British Cinema 9: The Comedians. As light relief after the earnest films of the 1950s, the 1960s brought comedy to our screens (s)
2.30 The Afternoon Play. Small Talk, by Peter Flannery and Elizabeth Garrido (s).
4.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis visits four model-making scientists.
5.00 The Living World. Derek Jones chairs a question session.
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News; Sports round up
6.25 Stop The Week With Robert Robinson — Guests and entertaining conversation, and music from Instant Sunshine (s).
7.00 Saturday Night theatre, Alphabetical Order, by Michael Frayn (s).
8.30 Baker's Dozen, Richard Baker with records.
9.20 Thriller! SS-GB, by Len Deighton, abridged in 13 parts (11).
9.50 Ten To Ten — A reflection with the Rt Rev Jim Thompson (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature. The Boy Who Sang O For The Wings Of A Dove. Sixty years ago, 16-year-old soprano Ernest Lough recorded Mendelssohn's O For The Wings Of A Dove, which became one of the most famous recordings ever. How did it change his life? (s)
10.45 Mixed Metaforder. Serious and not-so-serious poetry from the pen of Nigel Forde.
11.00 Big Jim and The Figaro Club. Six anarchic tales from demob days 5: Boning Up on History.
11.30 Cliffhanger, The Burmah Notebook (1) (s).
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **1.55-2.00** Programme News **4.00-5.00pm** Options **4.00** Albeniz: Europe's Outsider. **4.30** Essays On Popular Music — tracing links between different kind of music (s) **5.00** Deutsch Express! German course (10) **5.30** Oaks and Acorns. Nicholas Hochen talks to people who have grown big businesses from small beginnings.

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6.00 Andy Peebles **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (1961, '75 and '69) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Pop of the Form **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P
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Radio 2

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6.35 Open University (vhf only). What is a function?
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Wake up to Haydn! Concerto in D (H XVIII 11) (English Consort, director Trevor Pinnock); Symphony No 45, in F sharp minor (Farewell: L'Estro Armonico).
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Primo e Secundo. Four hands at one piano. Schubert, Allegro ma non troppo (D 947); Constant Lambert, Trois pièces nègres pour les touches blanches; Richard Rodney Bennett, Capriccio; Schubert, Rondo in A major (D 951).
9.00 Your Concert Choice. Glière, Concerto for coloratura soprano and orchestra, Op 82; Bach, transc Busoni, Chorale preludes: Non komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659); Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639); Rebecca Clarke, Piano Trio; Rachmaninov, The Bells, Op 35.
10.30 Music Weekly. Including Kendall Taylor on editing the Beethoven sonatas and a conversation with John McCabe.
11.15 Raphael Trio plays Beethoven's Allegretto in B flat (WoO 39), and Dvorak's Trio No 3. in F minor, Op 65.
12.15 From the Proms 86. Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Sir Colin Davis plays Stravinsky's Symphony in three movements and Beethoven's Symphony No 3, in E flat (Eroica). Interval reading at 12.35.
1.50 Christian Zacharias (piano) plays Mozart's Fantasie in D minor (K 397), Scarlatti's Sonatas: in G minor (Kk 426); in G (Kk427); in A minor (Kk532); in A (Kk 475).
2.30 Britten Conducts Mahler. Rare recordings from the 1956 and 1969 Aldeburgh Festivals. Mahler, Kindertotenlieder (English Chamber Orchestra with John Shirley-Quirk, baritone); Mahler, arr Britten, What the wild flowers tell me (Symphony No 3: English Chamber Orchestra); Mahler, Das Irdische Leben; Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht?, with Elly Ameling (soprano).
3.15 Lindsay String Quartet plays Haydn's Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2, Bartok's Quartet No 2, Op 17 (1917) and Cherubini's Quartet No 4, in E. Interval reading at 4.05.
4.45 Hans Werner Henze's Symphony No 7, played by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle.
5.30 The Jesuits. Second of six documentaries by Lord Rawlinson.
6.15 Music at Finchcocks. First of two programmes recorded at Finchcocks, the early 18th-century home of Richard Burnett with its extensive range of historic keyboard instruments. Includes works by J. C. F. Bach, Friedrich Wilhelm Rust and Haydn, with Nigel Rogers (tenor) and Richard Burnett, keyboards
7.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes plays Alexander Goehr's Symphony with Chaconne, and Sibelius's Symphony No 5.
8.15 A Handful of Pleasant Delights. Extracts from Izaak Walton's The Compleat Angler, read by Michael Hordern.
9.05 Music for Guitar. Juan Martin plays his own compositions based on tradition Spanish music.
9.35 Stations. Monologue by David Ashton, performed by Callum Mill.
10.00 Sounds of Finland. Includes works by Kilpinen, Madetoja, Bergmann, Merilainen and Englund.
11.20 Worldes Blis, played by the New London Consort.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News briefing; weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken (s) **6.56** Weather; Travel
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers
7.15 The Local Network. An investigation into entertainment — where are the stars?
7.40 Sunday. Religious news and views, incl **7.55** Weather; Travel **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. Penelope Keith talks about work being done to help physically handicapped men and women lead fuller lives **8.55** Weather; Travel
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning service, from The Chapel of Trinity College, Dublin (s)
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Pick of the Week
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Dora Bryan (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World this Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 The Lord of the Rings 2: The Black Riders (s)
3.30 Literary Walks. Author Tom Sharpe on a walk through Cambridge.
4.00 News; The Food Programme
4.30 The Natural History Programme. The widespread shooting of song birds throughout Europe.
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Highbury Stadium. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback. Christopher Dunkley with comments and queries about the BBC.
6.30 Soundings. Moral and religious implications of current issues.
7.00 Martin Chuzzlewit, by Charles Dickens. 7
8.00 Bookshelf. Profile of V S Naipaul.
8.30 An Infamous Address. 2: 45, Cranleigh Drive, Ruislip — the unlikely setting for a major Russian espionage cell in the Portland Spy Ring.
8.45 The Resurrection of Christ. 2: Resurrection — The Empty Tomb.
9.00 News; Proof, by Dick Francis (5)
9.30 Law in Action. **9.55** Weather; Travel
10.00 News
10.15 The Sunday Feature. Explorers Extraordinary. 3: Paddling for Christ. The adventures of evangelist John MacGregor who travelled and lived in his own purpose-built canoe.
11.00 Seeds of Faith (s)
11.15 In Committee. The work of Parliament's select committees.
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **3.55-5.00am** Weather; Travel **7.00-8.00** Open University. **7.00** Maths Foundation Tutorial. **7.20** Acts of God **7.40** Technology: Sound and Signals **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** More Than you can Manage: Jenni Murray investigates the causes and consequences of stress **4.30** Education matters.

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Wimbledon want to leave behind the underdog role

By Clive White

Like their "atmospheric" football, Wimbledon have transcended the role of underdog. The comprehensive defeat of Everton in the fifth round of the FA Cup brought them a new, and in some ways, unwanted degree of resectability which they maintained in their build-up to tomorrow's intriguing quarter-final tie with Tottenham Hotspur. While Tottenham went through their paces at Worthing, Wimbledon were "wintering" in Malaga this week.

Dave Bassett, the Wimbledon manager, who returned home ahead of his team, has had to readust to the climate of opinion as well as the weather in London. Since they defeated Everton before a nationwide television audience, the club have received letters from all over the country applauding their ability other than that of being able to kick a ball very far and high. Yet still they fail to lure sufficient converts to Plough Lane.

"We've been disappointed that we haven't been able to drag in the fans week by week, but if we repeat our efforts against Everton in the full glare of television once again, then maybe that will all change," Bassett said. Clearly

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Sam Hamman, the Wimbledon chairman, is not prepared to wait for recognition. As far as Hamman is concerned, moving house is just as important as progress in the cup and further talks will continue after tomorrow's game.

Supporters, on the other hand, will have their say about a move or merger beforehand when a protest meeting will be held. Against such a background of unrest it is amazing that Wimbledon have lately been able to concentrate so effectively on their football.

A break in southern Spain will have helped them in mind and body. Fairweather was the name for it in more ways than one; the warmth will have helped the striker's broken toe and he is expected to take his place alongside Fashanu in the Wimbledon forward line.

This will be the focal point - or flashpoint - of the match. Everything will depend upon how Gough and Mabbutt rise to the challenge of the fearsome duo. The inability of Everton, and in particular Watson, to match them tooth and claw was of critical importance in their tie. It is not a task to be envied by anyone.

Understandably, Tottenham were keeping a low profile yesterday, refusing to talk to anyone about a tie that will no doubt provide plenty of comment on the day. The truth is that unless Tottenham bring the game down to earth they will go the same way as Everton as surely as Beasant's goal clearances will head into orbit. If ever Hoddle was needed to stamp his authority on a game it is now. Absent for two games, he could be the most influential figure on the field or an innocent bystander.

The FA Cup should provide Tottenham with all the incentive they require; what better compensation could there be for their Littlewoods Cup semi-final defeat against Arsenal than a place in the FA Cup semi-finals?

● Although the Leeds United manager, Billy Bremner, has one of the biggest squads in the second division, the absence of four key players has left him with a selection headache as he prepares for tomorrow's tie at third division Wigan.

Suspension rules out the centre half Brendan Ormsby and forward Ian Baird, while the midfield player Mark Aizlewood and full back Bobby McDonald are cup-tied.

David Rennie, Keith Edwards and Andy Ritchie are automatic choices for three of the vacancies, but plugging the fourth gap is proving a major problem for Bremner.

His choice rests between the solid defensive work of Peter Swan, or the attacking flair of winger John Buckley, neither of whom have been able to command a regular first team place in recent months.

The Wigan manager Ray Mathias has told his charges that they have nothing to fear. After watching Leeds at Portsmouth on Tuesday, he said: "Leeds showed all the qualities you would expect from a side managed by Billy Bremner but I didn't see anything to be frightened of.



Going clear: Princess Anne and Cnoc Na Cuille at Sandown Park yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Maradona's condition

Diego Maradona is ready to agree to a new four-year contract with his Italian club, Napoli — on condition they sign his younger brother, Hugo Maradona, or persuade a neighbouring club to do so.

However, as Napoli have already reached an agreement with the Brazilian forward, Careca, and Italian football clubs are allowed only two foreigners, it is not as straightforward as the Argentinian player, whose present contract runs out in 1989, might wish.

"If he can't come to Naples then Avellino would be fine and I'd be happy to sign a new contract," Maradona said.

Nicholson junior lifts Cup

By Alan Lee

David Nicholson, the man responsible for guiding the race-riding career of Princess Anne, yesterday celebrated victory in the race he had always planned for his royal pupil. The plot, however, had a twist in the tail.

For while the Princess finished no closer than eighth on Cnoc na Cuille, her trainer still managed to win the Horse and Hound Grand Military Gold Cup with his other runner, Burnt Oak. Both the Queen Mother and The Queen were among a huge Sandown Park crowd.

Although both horse and rider were immaculate at the obstacles, Cnoc na Cuille does not possess an engine of any power and his position among the 12 finishers mirrored his ability, if not that of his jockey.

Burnt Oak had followed his usual head strong routine in the hands of Nicholson's 23-year-old elder son, Philip, a bombardier in the King's Troop. He led from start to finish and was staying on much too strongly up the hill for the pursuing favourite, Maori Venture.

Nicholson confessed in the packed and emotional winners enclosure: "It is one of the proudest moments of my life to win the race again with my son riding. It's been a nerve racking day and I nearly shed a tear up on the stand."

Burnt Oak will turn out again next Wednesday to contest the Kim Muir Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival and Nicholson junior may again have the ride.

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Crowe brothers' partnership keeps New Zealand on top

From Richard Streeton, Christchurch

Few teams needing to win to square a series can ever have done more than New Zealand yesterday. They put West Indies in to bat and 45 minutes after lunch had dismissed them for 100, going on to reach 117 for two by the close. New Zealand's purposeful cricket was a triumph for resolute character and made it a compelling day to watch.

When West Indies captured two early wickets it seemed New Zealand, like their opponents, might also collapse in a manner not entirely explained by the conditions. Jeff and Martin Crowe, however, fought doggedly through the last 135 minutes and New Zealand will hope to build a good lead today.

Only a last-wicket stand of 25, between Gray and Walsh, took West Indies past their previous lowest Test score in New Zealand, the 77 they made in Auckland 31 years ago. Fine seam bowling by Chatfield, who bowled unchanged and took four for 30, broke the back of the innings in the morning.

Hadlee returned and cleared up the tail and finished with six for 50, the 29th time he has taken five or more wickets in a Test innings. He raised his Test career aggregate to 348 wickets, only 18 behind Botham's world record. New Zealand took several brilliant catches and three of the best were by Coney, at second slip, in his last Test match.

There was occasional uneven bounce at the end used by Chatfield, who always moved the ball about. Overall, though, the pitch was easy paced and never misbehaved as much as the New Zealanders hoped.

Each of the New Zealand opening bowlers took a wicket in his second over, Haynes played late against Hadlee and Greenidge was bowled by a Chatfield inswinger as he off drove. There was a brief hint of recovery as Richardson punished loose balls by Hadlee and Gomes got his head down and thwarted Chatfield.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge b Chatfield	2
D L Haynes b Hadlee	0
R B Richardson c M D Crowe b Hadlee	37
H A Gomes c J J Crowe b Chatfield	6
*I V A Richards c Smith b Chatfield	1
A L Logie c Coney b Hadlee	6
†P J L Dujon c Coney b Hadlee	2
M D Marshall c Snedden b Coatfield	6
J Garner c Coney b Hadlee	0
A H Gray not out	10
C A Walsh b Hadlee	14
Extras (lb 6, nb 8)	14
Total	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-6, 3-44, 4-56, 5-58, 6-64, 7-67, 8-70, 9-75, 10-100.

BOWLING: Hadlee 12.3-2-50-6; Chatfield 18-8-30-4; Snedden 6-1-14-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

J G Wright c Richards b Walsh	6
P A Horne c Richards b Garner	9
J J Crowe not out	38
M D Crowe not out	44
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 18)	20
Total (2 wkts)	117

D N Patel, *J V Coney, J G Bracewell, †I D S Smith, R J Hadlee, M C Snedden and E J Chatfield to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-23.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-1-39-0; Garner 6-1-12-1; Walsh 8.2-22-1; Gray 7-0-29-0; Richards 3-1-14-0.

Umpires: G C Morris and S J Woodward.

An abrupt and devastating end, however, came to West Indian hopes when five wickets crashed in the 35 minutes before lunch. Gomes had just survived a second chance to the slips when he again edged a ball from Chatfield and Jeff Crowe took the catch at first slip. The total was still only 56 when Richards and Richardson were out in successive overs.

Richards had become frustrated as Chatfield bowled outside the off stump at him. When Chatfield strayed Richards played a loose on drive. The ball flew down the leg-side and Smith made ground to take a good, tumbling catch. Hadlee was back by now and he had Richardson held at third slip as the batsman tried to offdrive.

Dujon and Marshall were caught in the slips and at mid-on respectively from forcing strokes immediately before lunch; Hadlee, now at his fastest, dismissed Garner and Logie in his first two overs afterwards. Gray and Walsh made some runs off the edge, others more correctly, before Hadlee ended the innings.

New Zealand's start was hardly propitious. Horne, the new cap, was unable to deal with a lifting ball in Garner's first over. Wright struggled for 45 minutes before he, too, was caught at first slip, off what looked like a fast leg break from Walsh. Martin Crowe will never survive a leg-before appeal more fortunately than the one claimed next ball.

It remained a tense, grim struggle for both Crowes until well after tea as the West Indian fast bowlers fired their salvoes. They barely averaged 12 overs an hour and at times the scoreboard moved only for no-balls, but the cricket was never less than absorbing. Jeff Crowe at 16 was dropped by Dujon off Marshall; Walsh limped off with an ankle injury. The West Indians shared a pensive look as they left the field.

Holders lose initiative in Cup

Adelaide (Reuter) — Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia, waged a successful four and a half hour battle against the Australian, Wally Masur, to wrest back the initiative from the champions in their Davis Cup world group first-round tie yesterday.

Zivojinovic wore down Masur 6-8, 8-6, 9-7, 12-10 to level the tie at 1-1 after the opening singles. Earlier, the Australian No. 1, Pat Cash, had had struggled to a 9-7, 6-4, 7-5 victory over Bruno Oresar, who is ranked 96 places lower than him in the world. The Australian then blamed the state of the centre court for his apparently below-par tennis.

● BARCELONA: The Wimbledon champion, Boris Becker, let down for once by his serve, was pushed to the limit of his reserves by Emilio Sánchez before getting West Germany off to a winning start in their Davis Cup world group first-round tie against Spain yesterday (Reuter reports).

Becker finally overcame the Spanish No. 2, 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3 in four hours and 12 minutes to give his country a 1-0 lead in the world group first-round tie. Becker had held match point at 5-2 in the third set.

● PRATO, Italy: Paolo Cane beat Mikael Pernfors in four sets to give Italy a surprise lead over last year's finalists, Sweden, after the opening match of their Davis Cup world group first-round tie yesterday (Reuter reports). Cane, the only Italian player currently ranked in the world's top 50, outserved Pernfors, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 to put Italy 1-0 ahead. But then Mats Wilander beat Simone Colombo for the loss of only five games to level the tie.

● NEW DELHI: Argentina's Martin Jaite staged a remarkable recovery to beat India's Ramesh Krishnan at the grass-court game he favours and level the Davis Cup world group first-round tie between the two countries at 1-1 after the opening singles yesterday (Reuter reports). Jaite defeated Krishnan 1-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, his speed and agility proving decisive.

Results

(Home players given first)

First round

WORLD GROUP: Delhi: India level with Argentina, 1-1: V Amritraj bt H de la Pena, 9-7, 6-3, 6-3; R Krishnan lost to M Jaite, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 8-6. Barcelona: West Germany lead Spain, 1-0: E Sanchez lost to B Becker, 1-6, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6. Adelaide: Australia level with Yugoslavia, 1-1: P Cash bt B Oresar, 9-7, 6-4, 7-5; W Masur lost to S Zivojinovic, 6-8, 8-6, 7-9, 10-12. Prato, Italy: Italy level with Sweden, 1-1: P Cane bt M Pernfors, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; S Colombo lost to M Wilander, 2-6, 3-6, 0-6. Marcq-en-Bareoeul, France: France lead South Korea, 2-0: T Tulasne bt K Bong-Soo, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; G Forget bt Yoo Jin-Sun, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Hradec Kralove, Czechoslovakia: Israel lead Czechoslovakia, 1-0: M Mecir lost to K Mansdorf, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 3-6. ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast: Ivory Coast level with Nigeria, 1-1: C N'Goran bt R Akinloye, 6-6, 6-3, 8-6; 6-1; A Beugnetre lost to T Mmoh, 1-6, 3-6, 4-6.

EASTERN ZONE: Taipei: Taiwan lead Singapore, 2-0. Kunming, China: China level with Indonesia, 1-1. Colombo: Philippines lead Sri Lanka, 2-0. Hong Kong: Hong Kong lead Malaysia, 2-0. Dhaka: Pakistan lead Bangladesh, 2-0.

Second round

AFRICAN ZONE: Nairobi: Zimbabwe lead Kenya, 2-0.

Spectator killed in rally

Mondim de Basto (Reuter) — One spectator was killed and at least eight were injured when a car taking part in the Portuguese motor rally left the road in northern Portugal yesterday, hospital officials said.

The Toyota Corolla driven by the Portuguese driver, Joaquim Guedes, swerved off the road during the third leg of the 2,087km (1,300 mile) rally. The accident, the second involving a fatality in the rally in two years, happened during the 21st special stage over the Marao mountain range. Those injured included a child, the officials said.

In 1986, a car driven by the Portuguese, Joaquim Santos, drove into the crowd, killing two people and injuring about 20.

FIRST SECTION (third leg): 1, M Alen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 4hr 12min 8sec; 2, J Ragnotti (Fr), Renault 11 Turbo, 33sec; Ragnotti (Fr), Renault 11 Turbo, 33sec behind; 3, K Eriksson (Swe), VW Golf, 2-39; 4, M Biasion (It), Lancia Delta, 4-42; 5, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 8-33.

Baddeley advances

By Richard Eaton

Steve Baddeley, the national and Commonwealth champion, yesterday became the first Englishman since 1939 to reach the semi-finals of the Yonex All-England badminton championships with a 15-6, 15-11 win over Hermawan Susanto, aged 19, of Indonesia, at Wembley.

Baddeley thus managed his achievement without meeting a seeded player or, indeed, any of the fancied opposition in his quarter. To an extent, however, he had earned his good draw and good luck by remaining in the world's top eight for almost three years, and the last three days have been a triumph of temperament for him.

After a losing the first game, Susanto, the nephew of three-times former champion Liem Swie King, began to recover his length, and produced some tight serves and tight net shots on the backhand side. He stayed with the Englishman up to 7-all in the second, and then from 9-12 came back to 11-12 with Baddeley three times breaking strings in his racket.

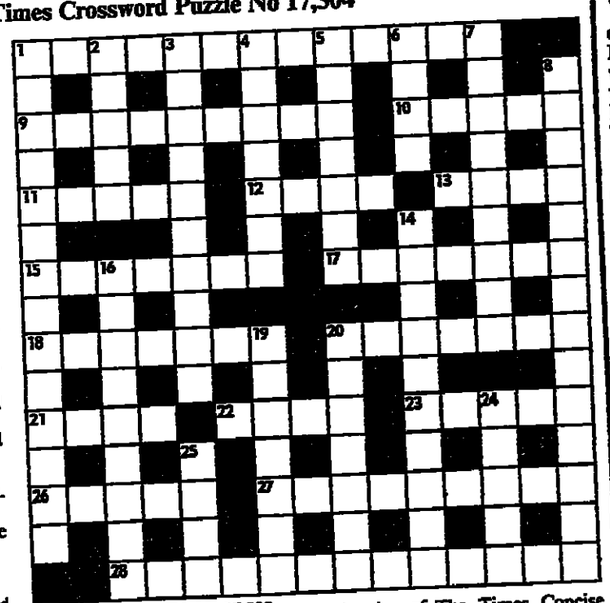
A brilliant piece of defence on the backhand then turned the match for Baddeley. The shuttle was hoisted high from a seemingly impossible position and, with the court open, Susanto smashed it out. Moments later Baddeley was hurling his racket ceilingwards with a huge yell as about 3,000 people applauded.

England's other quarter-finalist Darren Hall went down 15-6, 15-3 to the title-holder and favourite Morten Frost, the London-based Dane.

On another court, almost unnoticed, a champion was being dethroned. China's Qian Ping reversed the result of last year's final by beating South Korea's Kim Yun-Ja 11-2, 11-3.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Men: Singles: M Frost (Den) bt D Hall (GB), 15-6, 15-3; S Baddeley (GB) bt H Susanto (Indo), 15-6, 15-11; Women: Singles: L Lingwei (China) bt K Jimaki (Japan), 11-4, 11-3; Q Ping (China) bt K Yun-Ja (S Kor), 11-2, 11-3; S Kitada (Japan) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 6-11, 11-5, 11-2.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,304



ACROSS

1 Endlessly pick the best sailors to give help to baker (5,2,6).
9 Many a bond is forged from childhood (3,3,3).
10 To lower a boat, start to leeward (5).
11 'e provides clothing put in baskets (5).
12 One doctor dressing a foot (4).
13 Smooth pair starting 4 (4).
15 We are so old, swallowing tea, say, is an indignity (7).
17 Permit silence to be broken (7).
18 Head of Government owns tree (7).
20 Ray and Susan receiving note before noon (7).
21 Plant cultivated in part of Sussex (4).
22 Gelatinous substance obtained from a fish (4).
23 Deity in South America, the god of war (5).
26 Decoration turns city black (5).
27 Sounded inside out, an ape (5-4).
28 In trouble, so many receive invaluable help (6,7).

DOWN

1 Ordinary bits of land separated by ordinary railings, initially (6,2,6).
2 Boredom impends — any changes would delight their hearts (5).
3 Clergyman assisting islander aboard (5,5).
4 Hot and cold days cause annoyance (7).
5 Young woman loses head and administers a beating up that's very bad (7).
6 Shy way to decide (4).
7 Roger and I violated the Mexican border (3,6).
8 Battle — one of the colours found on a tree (8,6).
14 Getting cold, sweetheart? This'll provide a coat (5,5).
16 Moulded polythene used in communications (9).
19 Soldiers upset English girl and Italian woman (7).
20 Interrupting a mouthful jester finally put on fool's cap (7).
24 All show disapproval — it comes to the surface (5).
25 In the party roll, his initial is L (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,298



Solution to Puzzle No 17,303



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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WEATHER

S and E England will be cloudy and very cold with outbreaks of rain and some sleet or snow. N England, the W Midlands, Wales and the Isle of Man will be wet for a while with perhaps some sleet or snow. During the day the weather will brighten and turn a little milder. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some sunshine with showers in many places. Temperatures close to normal. Outlook: On Sunday most places will be dry and bright, but Monday will see more rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Bridlington	5.2	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	5.2	-	5	41	sunny
Clacton	9.2	-	5	41	sunny
Southend	8.4	-	5	41	sunny
Margate	*	-	3	37	sunny
Eastbourne	9.0	-	6	43	sunny
Brighton	9.7	-	8	46	sunny
Bognor R	9.5	-	8	46	sunny
Shanklin	9.2	-	7	45	sunny
Bournemouth	8.2	-	8	46	sunny
Weymouth	8.8	-	7	45	sunny
Torquay	8.9	-	7	45	sunny
Penzance	8.5	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.1	-	7	45	sunny
Jersey	9.5	-	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	8.7	-	7	45	sunny
Newquay	9.2	-	*	*	sunny
Morecambe	9.9	-	4	39	sunny
Douglas	7.8	-	5	41	sunny
B'ham Airpt	5.5	-	5	41	sunny
Carlisle	8.2	-	5	41	sunny
London	8.4	-	9	48	sunny
Manchester	9.7	-	7	45	sunny
N'cstle-Tyne	8.0	-	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	8.7	-	6	43	sunny
Anglesey	9.0	-	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Cat)	10.0	-	6	43	sunny
Colwyn Bay	*	-	8	46	sunny
Aberdeen	6.8	-	7	45	sunny
Edinburgh	7.5	-	8	46	fog
Glasgow	4.5	-	4	39	hail
Lerwick	1.6	-	4	39	rain
Wick	0.1	.05	7	45	fog
Belfast	8.3	-			

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Alicante	f	9	48	Majorca	f	14	57
Algiers	c	15	59	Malta	c	11	52
Amst'dam	s	1	34	Mexico C*	s	21	70
Athens	t	6	43	Miami	s	23	73
Bahrain	s	24	75	Montreal*	s	-2	28
Barbados*	s	30	86	Moscow	s	1	34
Belgrade	c	1	34	Munich	s	0	32
Berlin	s	1	34	Nairobi	t	30	86
Bermuda*	f	19	66	Naples	s	13	55
Biarritz	s	14	57	N Delhi	r	20	68
Brussels	f	1	34	N York*	sn	0	32
Budapest	f	1	34	Nice	s	11	52
B Aires*	f	23	73	Oslo	s	0	32
Cairo	f	23	73	Paris	s	5	41
Cape Tn	f	14	57	Peking	s	7	45
C'blanca	c	23	73	Perth	f	36	97
Ch'church	f	19	66	Prague	s	-2	28
Colombo	s	7	45	Riyadh	f	27	81
Dubrovnik	s	11	52	Rome	s	11	52
Florence	s	11	52	S F'isco*	c	15	59
Frankfurt	s	3	37	Seoul	f	13	55
Funchal	f	18	64	Singapore	s	-1	30
Geneva	s	7	45	St'kholm	s	1	34
Helsinki	s	0	32	Sydney	f	22	72
Hong K	c	25	77	Tangier	s	18	64
Istanbul	s	-1	30	Tel Aviv	c	11	52
Jeddah	s	23	73	Tenerife	s	22	72
Karachi	f	28	82	Tokyo	f	9	48
L Palmas	f	23	73	V'couver*	c	5	41
Le Touq't	c	3	37	Venice	s	3	37
Lisbon	c	14	57	Vienna	s	3	37
L Angels*	c	14	57	Warsaw	s	0	32
Luxemburg	s	1	34	Wash'ton*	s	8	46
Madrid	c	11	52	Zurich	s	2	36

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

These are Thursday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.12	5.4	1.34	6.7
Aberdeen	12.50	3.9	12.49	4.0
Avonmouth	6.36	12.0	6.59	12.1
Belfast	10.27	3.2	10.49	3.0
Cardiff	6.21	11.1	6.44	11.2
Devonport	5.03	5.1	5.33	5.1
Dover	10.28	5.9	10.44	6.2
Falmouth	4.39	4.9	5.03	4.9
Glasgow	12.33	4.2	12.10	4.6
Harwich	11.30	3.7	11.42	3.7
Holyhead	9.52	5.3	10.10	5.2
Hull	5.58	6.7	6.00	7.1
Ilfracombe	5.27	8.5	5.49	8.5
Leith	2.06	5.0	2.19	5.2
Liverpool	10.47	8.8	11.05	8.8
Lowestoft	9.27	2.2	9.09	2.3
Margate	11.48	4.3	11.47	4.5
Milford Haven	5.43	6.5	6.03	6.5
Newquay	4.34	6.5	4.54	6.5
Oban	5.19	3.7	5.51	3.7
Penzance	4.07	5.2	4.30	5.2
Portland	5.14	2.0	7.00	1.9
Portsmouth	10.55	4.2	11.17	4.4
Shoreham	10.43	5.8	11.06	6.0
Southampton	10.27	4.2	10.55	4.3
Swansea	5.49	8.7	6.10	8.8
Tees	3.10	4.8	3.15	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	11.23	3.9	11.33	3.9

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.47	6.8	2.09	7.0
Aberdeen	1.21	4.0	1.29	4.1
Avonmouth	7.10	12.5	7.33	12.6
Belfast	10.59	3.3	11.16	3.0
Cardiff	6.55	11.5	7.18	11.6
Devonport	5.45	5.3	6.08	5.3
Dover	10.54	6.2	11.15	5.4
Falmouth	5.15	5.1	5.38	5.1
Glasgow	1.04	4.2	12.44	4.7
Harwich	—	—	12.04	3.6
Holyhead	10.21	5.4	10.38	5.3
Hull	6.25	7.0	6.29	7.3
Ilfracombe	6.01	8.6	6.21	8.8
Leith	2.36	5.2	2.48	5.4
Liverpool	11.19	9.1	11.37	9.1
Lowestoft	9.58	2.2	9.38	2.4
Margate	—	—	12.18	4.5
Milford Haven	6.15	6.8	6.34	6.8
Newquay	5.05	6.6	5.24	6.6
Oban	5.48	3.9	6.10	3.9
Penzance	4.41	5.4	5.04	5.4
Portland	6.52	2.1	7.36	2.0
Portsmouth	11.24	4.4	11.46	4.5
Shoreham	11.13	6.0	11.35	6.1
Southampton	10.39	4.5	11.23	4.6
Swansea	6.22	9.1	6.42	9.2
Tees	3.41	5.0	3.46	5.9
W'ton-on-Nze	11.57	4.0	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.33 pm to 5.48 am
Bristol 6.42 pm to 5.58 am
Edinburgh 6.43 pm to 6.00 am
Manchester 6.40 pm to 5.55 am
Penzance 6.55 pm to 6.07 am

TOMORROW
London 6.34 pm to 5.44 am
Bristol 6.44 pm to 5.54 am
Edinburgh 6.45 pm to 5.57 am
Manchester 6.42 pm to 5.53 am
Penzance 6.56 pm to 6.05 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	5	41	Guernsey	s	16	61
B'ringham	c	2	36	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	r	5	41	Jersey	s	17	63
Bristol	c	4	39	London	c	4	39
Cardiff	r	5	41	M'chester	c	5	41
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	5	41
Glasgow	r	6	43	R'aldsway	r	5	41

TODAY
Sun rises: 6.18 am
Moon sets: 6.16 pm

Sun sets: 6.03 pm
Moon rises: 4.53 pm

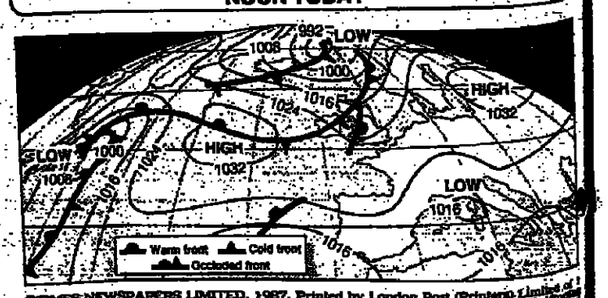
Full Moon Tomorrow

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 6.16 am
Moon sets: 6.27 am

Sun sets: 6.04 pm
Moon rises: 6.10 pm

Full Moon 1.13 pm

NOON TODAY



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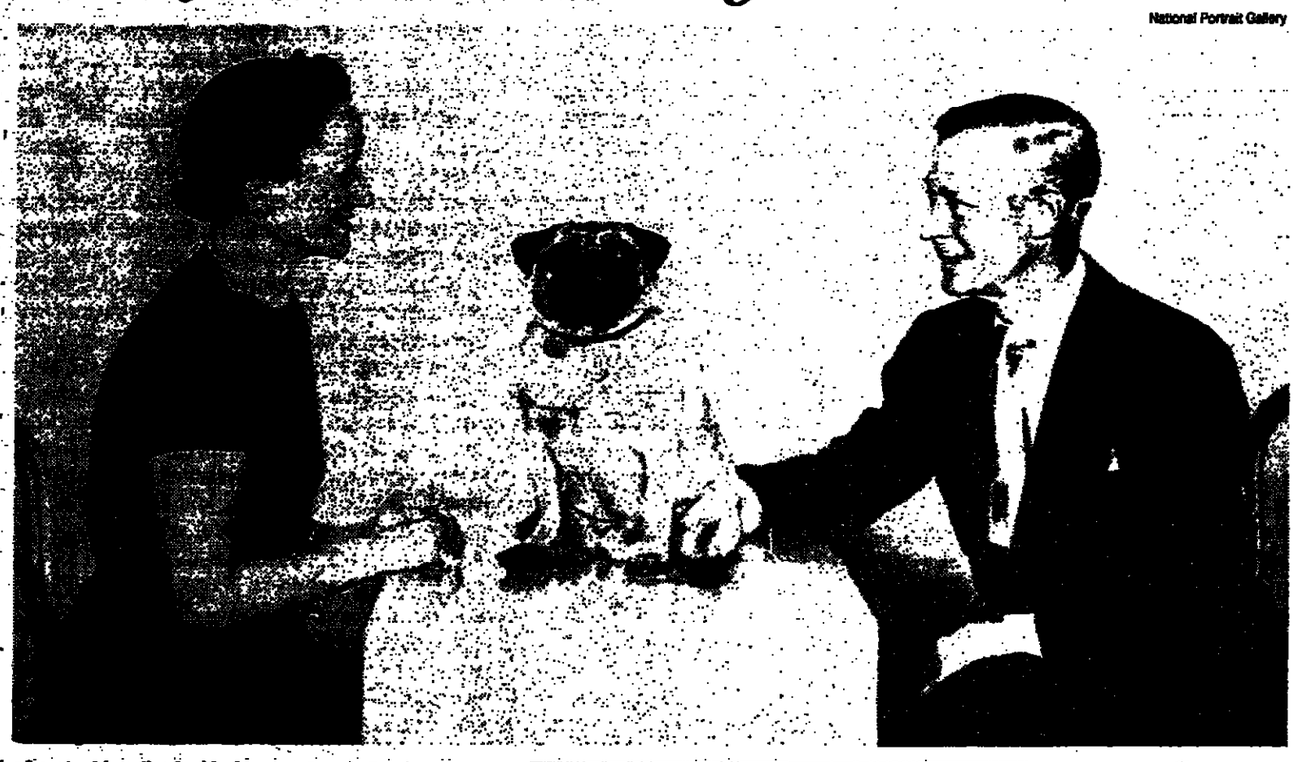
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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainments and the arts

To my Wallis from her David

Next month the jewels given by Edward VIII to Mrs Simpson will be auctioned. Suzy Menkes discovers their many secrets



National Portrait Gallery



Above: the Windsors, with pug. Mrs Simpson, said Lady Diana Cooper, was "dripping with new jewels". Right: the 1948 Cartier flamingo brooch

Last week in Geneva, I held a piece of England's history in the palm of my hand. On one side of the gold compact was a crazy paving of rubies, sapphires and emeralds. On the other was engraved a map of the journeys that King Edward VIII took with Wallis Simpson. Inside lay a dusting of powder from the face of a woman for whom the King gave up his throne.

All the passion of that historic love affair is expressed in the Duchess of Windsor's jewels. They glow with vibrant colour, move with the body and are set with stones of sensual roundness. The animal magnetism that drew the unlikely couple together is reflected in their prowling panthers and exotic gem-set birds.

Today, some of the world's greatest private collectors are gathered in Palm Beach, Florida, one-time playground of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Inside a discreetly guarded mansion, specially selected guests will be allowed to finger and caress the gems, before they go on more public display at Sotheby's New York next week. On April 2 and 3, these gifts of love — many with personal messages inscribed on the reverse, and some with royal cyphers — go under the hammer at Sotheby's Geneva. They are expected to raise £5 million for France's Institut Pasteur.

When I viewed the Duchess of Windsor's jewels, they were behind the pneumatically-sealed double doors of Sotheby's new lake-side sales complex within the grand 19th century Hotel Beau-Rivage. The white-walled stockroom was protected by bullet-proof glass doors, two security officers and a Dobermann pinscher guard dog.

In a plain brown cardboard box lay the outstretched body of a diamond-encrusted panther. As I lapped the bracelet round my wrist, it seemed to spring to life, its mobile setting a superb piece of craftsmanship by Cartier in 1952.

Another panther with glittering yellow diamond eyes, sat coiled on a great ball of a sapphire clip, beside it, ready to leap from its emerald rock, was a rampant gold and enamel Great Cat.

A tiger's head — the handle of a folding lorgnette — popped out of a green and gold brocade pouch marked: "Please return to HRH the Duchess of Windsor. Reward." Most fantastic of all was the flamingo brooch, an auctioneer's label tied round its spindly diamond-studded leg, below a plump breast and tactile jewelled tail fathers.

Completing the Windsor menagerie are crouching gem-set frogs and a delicate diamond butterfly, alighting on a succulent cabochon coral petalled with emeralds.

"Even without the royal connection, it is a unique collection," says Nicholas Rayner, chairman of Sotheby's Geneva, who will conduct the black-tie evening auction to be held in a marquee on the lakeside to accommodate the 800 prospective clients.

"The Duke was tremendously interested in design, style and fashion," says Nicholas Rayner. He appreciated precious stones and workmanship. The Duchess understood design and showmanship. The result is a continuity of style that is quite extraordinary." Mr Rayner showed me his favourite piece — the Van Cleef and Arpels bracelet, with its flexible diamond strap and a buckle of invisibly-set sapphires. The Duke gave it to Wallis on their wedding day and inscribed it *"For our contract 18-V-39"*.

Winking at me from inside its polythene bag was a fiery white-diamond ring, the size of a postage stamp, that the Duke bought from New York jeweller Harry Winston. It is valued at £750,000 and called the "McLean diamond", after Washington collector Evalyn Walsh Mclean. She bought the legendary Hope blue diamond — once worn by Louis XIV and by Queen Marie Antoinette, and valued today at 20 million dollars — and once claimed "when I neglect to wear jewels it is a sign I'm becoming ill".

Of all the stones in the Wallis collection, the most superb is the translucent emerald that the Duchess described as her "engagement ring". It reportedly cost £10,000 when the King bought it from Cartier in October 1936. Britain was in the depths of the Depression and two weeks later he was vowing to help the poverty-striken miners of South Wales.

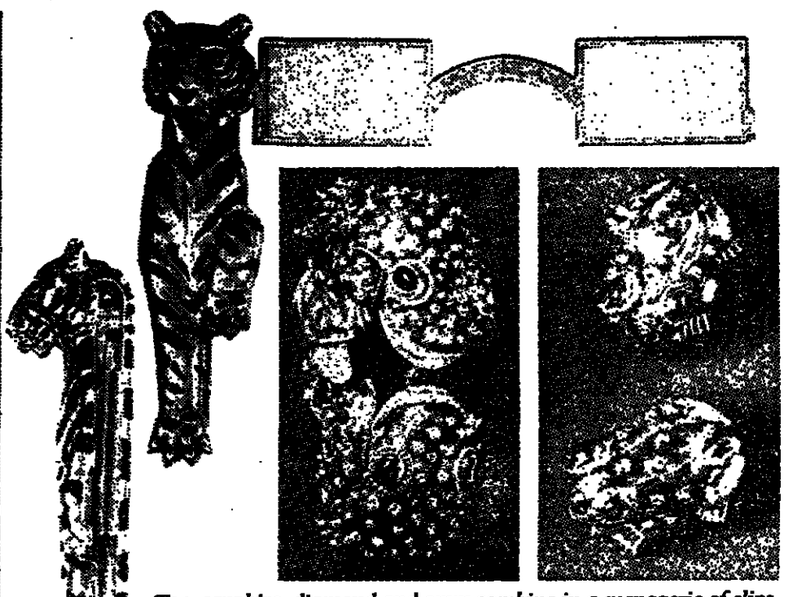
The stone was cut from an emerald the size of a bird's egg belonging to an eighteenth century Mogul emperor, according to a contemporary diarist Marie Belloc Lowndes, who had earlier dismissed Mrs Simpson's rocks as "dressmaker's emeralds".

It is easy to understand the scandal surrounding Mrs Simpson and her opulent gifts from the new King — the jaunty tasselled necklace of faceted rubies made by Van Cleef for Wallis's 40th birthday in June 1936, or Cartier's twin ruby bracelet, that looked like a pair of opera glasses when the Duchess was photographed wearing it by Cecil Beaton.

Sir Henry "Chips" Channon described the King's favourite as "literally smothered in rubies", at a dinner and "dripping with emeralds at the opera". How shocked he would have been to turn over the ruby necklace and read the words the King of England inscribed to another man's wife: *My Wallis from her David 19-VI-36.*

That was in the summer of 1936 when the King's party left on a summer cruise and the couple were photographed with scanty beach clothes.





Top: sapphire, diamond and onyx combine in a menagerie of clips and bracelets designed by Cartier from 1949 to 1966. The tiger bracelet, top left, is expected to fetch between £120,000 and £140,000 at auction in Geneva next month. Centre: Cartier's enamel lorgnette and emeralds, 1954. Above: the Duchess's gem-set frog earclips

I picked up the bracelet of tiny jewelled crosses and read, with a squirming sense of intrusion, the spidery inscriptions on the back. The earliest platinum cross reads *"We are too 25-XI-34"* in the same private language as the recently published Wallis and Edward Letters.

If the sensuous animals jewels are palpably gifts of love, the crosses on the Duchess's bracelet are love letters. Each commemorates an eventful moment: *"God save the King for Wallis 16-VII-36"* says the sapphire cross bought after a pot shot was taken at Edward VIII. *"Wallis-David 23-6-35"* was for the Prince of Wales's birthday. The amethyst cross is inscribed *"Appendectomy cross Wallis 31-VIII-44 David"*.

Some of the jewels carry very private messages. *"Hold tight 27-III-34"* says the ruby and diamond bracelet the King gave Wallis after she had waved off to America the reigning royal favourite Lady Thelma Furness with the words: "Oh Thelma, the little man is going to be so lonely".

The twice-divorced Duchess kept until her death her two previous wedding rings, inscribed with the respective husbands' initials and date. They, and the tiny band of gold for which the King abdicated his crown, are valued at just £500.

Wallis may have been denied a royal title, but she became a queen of fashion. The way she wore her showy jewels is shown in the archive pictures which face the photographs of jewels in Sotheby's lavish catalogue.

"This may not be the sale of the century in terms of value," says Nicholas Rayner, "but in every other single aspect it is the most important. The Duke and Duchess chose the jewels together and the whole collection is perfectly integrated. She didn't suddenly get attracted by antique jewels or by a futuristic piece. The style is extravagant, because they loved large and colourful pieces, but it is all in very good taste."

The Windsors were pioneers of 1940s style. From their friendship with Cartier's Jeanne Toussaint — whose exotic Paris flat was decorated with panther rugs — sprang the Great Cat jewels. The Duchess had the earliest of Van Cleef's invisible settings for a ruby and diamond double feather clip and patronized their designers Renée Puissant and René-Sim Lacaze. The most avant-garde jewellers of their time also worked for Wallis: Suzanne Belperron of Herz in Paris, whose flower necklace, leaf earrings and bracelets shaped like Indian anklets were made in "Wallis blue", the colour of the Duchess's piercing eyes.

Among the Duchess's collection of extravagant evening bags — including the Cartier compact shaped like an egg in solid gold — I found another hint of a scandal. The records trace a gold mesh purse, set with rubies, turquoise and diamonds to a Mrs James Donahue — the mother of the outrageous Jimmy Donahue, who became a constant companion of the Duchess in the 1950s.

My favourite piece in the Windsor collection is the exotic jewelled flamingo. Like the Duchess herself, it is frivolous, expensive, larger than life and fun.

The jewels of the Duchess of Windsor at Sotheby's Geneva, Thursday April 2, 9pm, April 3, 4.30pm.

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Gathering of the glitterati

Who will buy the Windsor jewels? Joan Collins, who swept into Sotheby's in her blue mink coat last week to collect the glossy catalogue is one of the possible show business buyers. Other well known potential buyers are Barbra Streisand, who collects art deco jewels, and Elton John who is a flamboyant customer of Cartier.



Any bids? Among the potential buyers are, from left, Catherine Deneuve, Joan Collins and Estée Lauder

Catherine Deneuve is also renowned as a collector of 1940s jewellery, while cosmetic queen Estée Lauder is in the market for the lustrous pearls, according to the New York dealers. They also expect to see Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza — who is a major collector — and his glamorous daughter Francesca.

But the strongest bidders are likely to be dealers for anonymous super-rich clients, who will not be attending the Sotheby's cocktail party or dining in the lake-front hotels while watching — and joining — the bidding on closed circuit television.

The major jewellers, who have built up valuable archives collections — particularly Cartier and Van Cleef and Arpels — are hoping to buy back seminal pieces. Most of the museums who are interested are pessimistic they expect to be outbid. But the Musée des Arts Decoratifs in Paris has expressed interest and Nicholas Rayner of Sotheby's says he hopes that the Victoria and Albert Museum will acquire some historic pieces. Garrard, the Crown Jewellers, might be expected to bid on behalf of the royal archives at Windsor.

But this will be a sale for jewellery dealers like New York's important Fred Leighton. London dealers who will be at Geneva next month include Nick Silver, who specializes from his Piccadilly premises in the jewellery of Lalique, Cartier, and Fouquet.

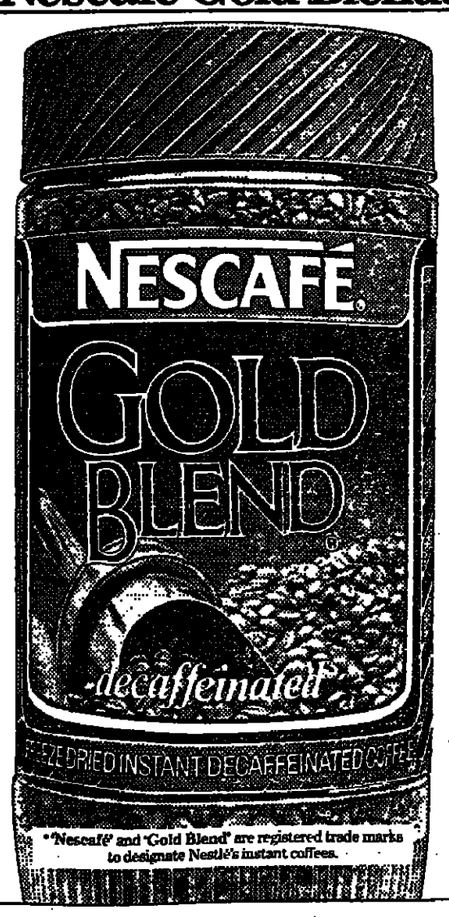
"It's the best collection of 1940s and 1950s jewellery in existence and that market is racing ahead at the moment," he says. "The Windsors were very innovative and had quite adventurous taste. The collection has definitive examples of all the best jewels of the period."

Not everyone agrees with him. "The Duchess didn't have the best taste," says dealer Bernard Danenberg. "And it is not at all one of the great collections of jewels, but I think it will bring unbelievable prices."

Gordon Watson of the Lewis Kaplan gallery in Fulham Road says: "There hasn't been anything like it since the Farouk sales of the 1950s. For years I have been struggling to promote 1940s jewellery and people's taste has finally been awakened by this sale."

All the dealers seem to be after the same pieces: the big stones, the Van Cleef invisibly-set bracelet, the Cartier panthers, the flamingo brooch and a lattice necklace of turquoise and amethyst.

Only one decaffeinated coffee tastes as good as Nescafé Gold Blend.*



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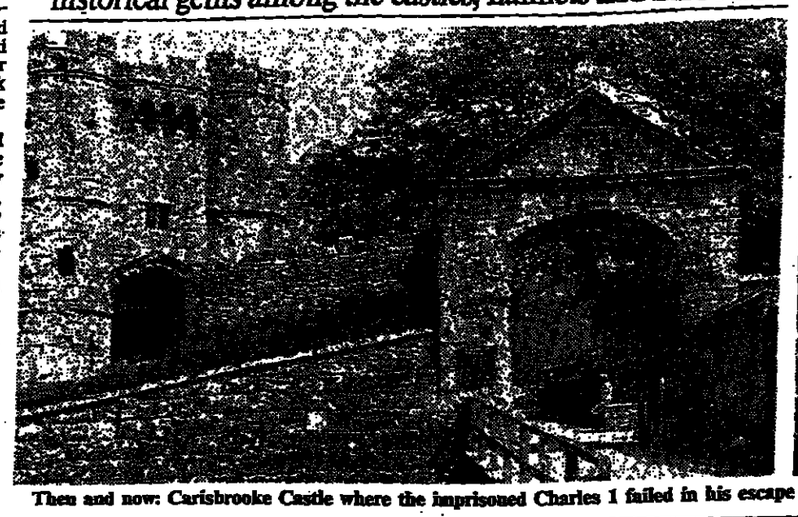
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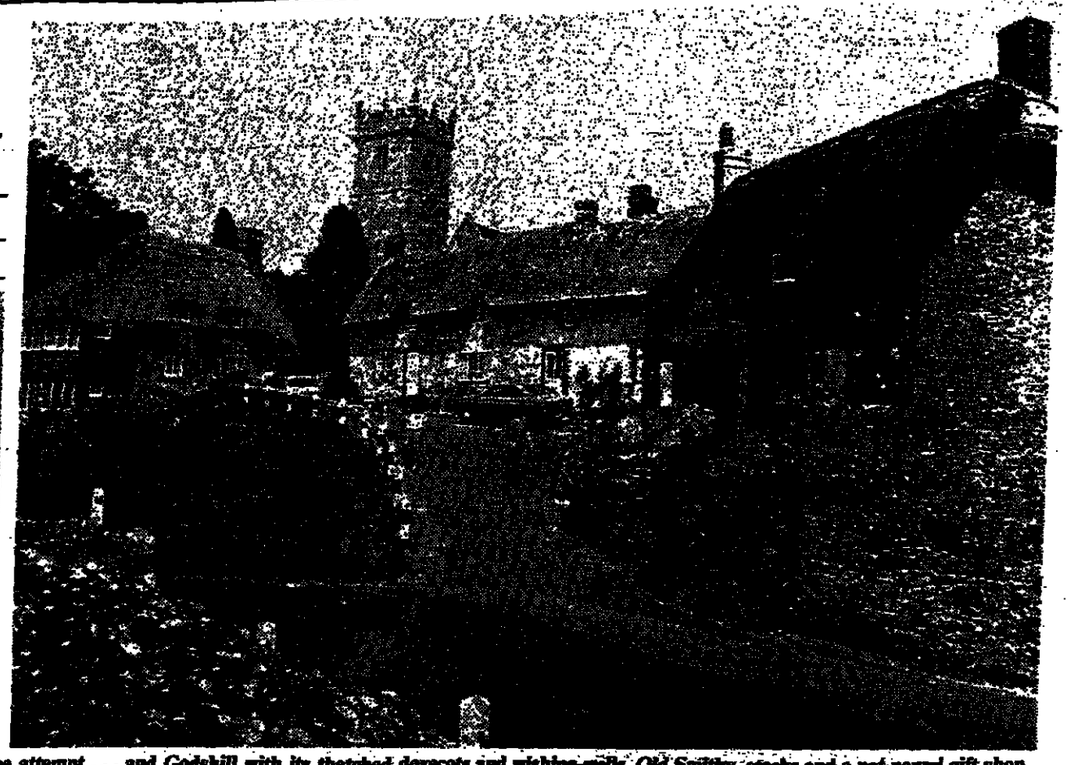
TRAVEL 1

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Treasure island

Michael Watkins explores the traditional English seaside resorts of the Isle of Wight and revels in the wealth of historical gems among the castles, hamlets and harbours





Then and now: Carisbrooke Castle where the imprisoned Charles I failed in his escape attempt . . . and Godshill with its thatched dovecots and wishing-wells, Old Smithy, stocks and a pot-pourri gift shop

The Isle of Wight is diamond-shaped and marginally smaller than Texas. It is more beautiful than Texas, with multi-coloured cliffs at Alum Bay and vicious rocks – sharp as milk teeth – called the Needles. "I've travelled the world, but there's no better than the Needles," Jack Wignall said as he helped me park at Totland.

Handing me a ticket, he told me a story. During the war he became the first Royal Navy casualty at Totland Hospital, where he decided on two sensible things: to marry his nurse and settle down on the spot.

This was in August and August isn't a wicked month at all; it is a blowzy month, replete with fat hydrangeas and thoughts drifting on currents of melancholy towards summer's end. Green gloom. At least, that's what I found in Bonchurch: bosky green gloom. It would be like living in a bottle of Chartreuse to set up house in Bonchurch.

But I love it; it is my favourite place on the island. It has a very refined sense of priority: "To the Glory of God and George and Russell Mursell", a brass plate commemorates installation of the electrics in the Old Church. It is quite old, too, "erected in ye reygne of William ye Conqueror by one Johannes de Argentine, a ffrenchman"; neither is there much of it, just 12 paces by five. I eased my car into a coffin-sized space beyond the graveyard, and then followed a footpath along the cliffs, through a wood, to steps leading to the sea.

There was a row of cottages, a potter's studio and the Bay House Café assembling crab and lobster salads. The cottage gardens were chock-a-block with roses, snapdragons and fuchsia and there were a few quiet people about. Not dull people, just quiet, wearing woolly hats and unfashionable shoes. You could tell they were glad to be in England, that they'd trust the Bay House salads; they wouldn't get the trots or beriberi in Bonchurch.

It was on this shore, in another August, that Dickens played rounders and "droll new games"; and when he'd got that out of his system he wrote six chapters of *David Copperfield* at a house called Winterbourne which he rented from the Rev James White. It was during this time that he noticed a "golden-haired lad" who had just entered Eton at the start of the summer half of 1849. The lad was Algernon Swinburne, baptized in the Old Church in his fifth year, whose genius was to magnetize England and who, when the final stanza was written, lay down his head forever at St Boniface, up the hill.

Having confessed my love for Bonchurch, perhaps it won't sound too bald if I say that Godshill has grown into a precious Little Lord Fauntleroy of a village. It is full of thatched dovecots and wishing-wells; there is a Toy Museum, an Aquarium and an Old Smithy with a penny-farthing, ye olde stocks and a shop dispensing pot-pourri. How I sympathize with Keats who, when filling up "The Pot of Basil" at Shanklin in 1819, wrote: "I am getting a great dislike of the picturesque".

St Olave's Church at Gatcombe, on the way from Godshill to Carisbrooke Castle, made me feel good. The electrics had arrived there, too, in 1980: "To the Glory of God and members of the Isle of Wight Football Club . . . " Again that balanced sense of priority, of putting the niceties in order of precedence. If only Charles I had learnt this lesson, instead of relying so arrogantly on the Divine Right of Kings.



Do you know the tale of his foiled escape from Carisbrooke? Of how he consented to a rescue plan by which he would lower himself from his cell by rope into the courtyard where Royalist sympathizers would escort him to a waiting ship? Too proud, one can only imagine, to suffer the indignity of a rehearsal, the fateful hour arrived when he forced only head and shoulders through the bars, leaving the bulkier parts of the royal anatomy stuck.

I made no plans, simply drifted. I didn't go to Osborne House, which I'd found pompous on a previous visit. Cowes is a bit pompous, too, all plum-coloured trousers, yachting caps, blazers and T-shirted girls with "Oui" stretched across their bow-fronts. Chic little restaurants like Chaplin's and G's serve dishes with *haute cuisine* names; while the Royal Yacht Squadron, stony-faced and turreted, has 20 cannons trained directly on Southampton power-station across the water.

Up the hill from Shanklin Pier, outside the Crab Inn, there is a tap and a morsel by Longfellow:

O, traveller stay thy weary feet
Drink of this fountain pure and sweet.

When, on that last visit, I turned the tap, it hissed dryly. This time there was a new tap: instead of turning, you press a knob and get a milli-second gush that goes all over your shoes.

Not everything changes. When last I looked into Keats Cottage (Eglantine Cottage in his day), there was a key in the door, a "Come In" note pinned up and no one about. Same this time. The B&B lodgers were on the beach; Mrs Mop was keeping an appointment with a bottle of stout; the cottage was like the Marie Celeste, lived in yet abandoned. Here, in a "little coffin of a room", Keats made a start on *Endymion*. Next I went to Bembridge, with its houseboats and almost totally enclosed bay. The Druids met at Bembridge, but after a while they got bored and carted their monolithic stones to Stonehenge. There was a lull after that, until 43AD when locals watched Vespasian's Roman galley row by, *en route* for Brading to set up camp.

If you want more buzz, better try Ryde, Sandown or Ventnor, the last being my first choice. It reminds me of Positano; its ice-cream sellers are Saracenic pirates in disguise, and I like its near-the-ground palm trees, like desiccated shaving brushes.

From then on it is more and more Texan, unimaginable distances all the way to Freshwater; but as a race we are intrepid travellers. Take Tennyson and his wife Emily who, in November 1853, *rowed* across to the island from Lymington. They had fallen in love with a Georgian house called Farringford. "I must have that view," thought Emily. Considering its Gothic parapets, its wood-mullioned casements, Alfred also approved: "It is like blank verse, it will suit the humblest cottage and the grandest cathedral."

Today Farringford is an hotel, Emily's view not much changed. A kindly management let me loose in the Poet Laureate's library as it was being prepared for a Rotary Club buffet. There wasn't much to see: Pellegrini's cartoon in *Vanity Fair*, the poet's cloak, smoking-cap, clay pipe, photographs of him young and beautiful, photos years on.

My mind also returned to the has-beens now erased from many beach resorts. Punch and Judy have been retired. A pity for, despite the savagery of their family life, they were part of nostalgia, elemental to the annual pilgrimage to be beside the seaside. It is comforting to believe in certain verities, in Pierrot and Pierrette, in the secrets of ebb-tide rock pools, in skimming stones over the calmer waves of yesterday. In the imperishable allure of the piers of the realm.

TRAVEL NOTES

I stayed at Cliff Tops Hotel, Park Road, Shanklin PO37 6BB (0983 863262). Peak season rates, June 7-Sept 5: dinner, bed and breakfast £34 per person per day. Sea view £2.50 per person per day extra. All charges include VAT. This is a family-type hotel, with a swimming pool and friendly young staff.

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TRAVEL NEWS

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Majorca conservation

Europe's most popular island, Majorca, is investing heavily in environmental measures in an attempt to stave off the worst effects of mass tourism. Eight areas, including the two main mountain ranges and seven miles of beaches, are being preserved in their natural state.

● **Air UK is pegging the price of its £19 one-way "Skylink" fare from Southampton to the Channel Islands on its summer schedule, starting on March 29, and will add a similar £29 fare on service from Heathrow for £29. The fare can be booked only on the day before travel, but return reservations can be made at the same time. Information: 0345 666777.**

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Philip Ray

Weekend whizz-kids

Ronald Faux discovers how to leave the office on Friday afternoon for an action-packed skiing break in France and still be back for work on Monday



Quick getaway: 4.30pm in the City and it's off to Gatwick to catch the 6.5 pm Geneva flight

Early Friday evening at Gatwick Airport and a determined-looking man dressed for the City hurries towards the Geneva flight. The long bag balanced across a smartly tailored shoulder shows that his appointment is not with some Swiss gnome but with an alpine piste.

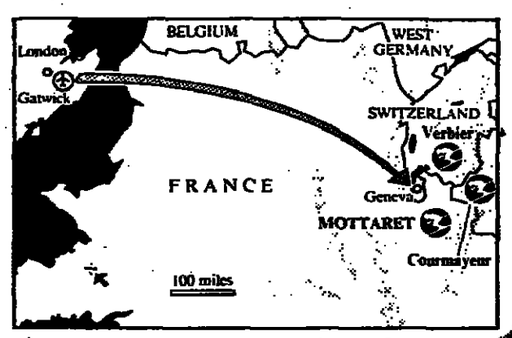
He is one of the growing fraternity of weekend skiers who argue that it is well worth the cost and energy of hopping on a plane, travelling a few hours on a coach to ski for two days before returning to his desk tanned and recharged on the Monday morning.

Bladon Lines of Putney runs such a service for weekend skiers. The City gent thought you had to be something of an addict. "You're doing the same amount of travelling for a fraction of the skiing you would get on a full-length holiday, but so what?" he said.

The cheerful assistant at Airport Skis at Gatwick, measuring my foot on a technical-looking device while I tried to hide a small hole in my sock, wondered what the weekend alternatives were for the real enthusiasts. A scattering of plastic slopes, a hope that Box Hill would be gripped by a deep freeze, or Scotland perhaps, where the distance and costs were equally daunting and the eventual rewards for folk in the south-east less attractive.

The Britannia Airways charter took a little over one hour to reach Geneva, time for an aperitif and dinner before the lights of Switzerland appeared below.

Weekend ski breaks are offered at three centres; Verbier and Courmayeur (both about an hour's coach drive from Geneva) and our destination Mottaret, a purpose-built ski resort above Meribel in the Trois Vallees of the Haute Savoie.



Although this alternative took twice the time to reach, the compensation was a ski area which claims to be the most extensive in the world with 190 linked lifts and countless miles of finely groomed piste. On the lower slopes, 500 snow cannons can produce and artificial blizzard if nature fails to provide.

The coach slithered up the main road through Mottaret and stopped outside our self-catering chalet at 11pm local time just as the regulars in the local disco were getting into their stride.

At 8am the next day I was at the money exchange discovering that altitude has a damaging affect on the pound and that francs are best collected from a bank in the UK. A one-day ski pass for the Trois Vallee cost 140 francs. Shortly after 9am the cabin lift was whisking me over the flawless ski slopes above Mottaret beneath a perfect sky. Conditions were excellent.

We stopped skiing when the mountains above Mottaret were throwing long shadows and the lift system was running out of customers. Back to the apartment via the supermarket where for 50 francs I secured lamb chops, instant spuds, frozen veg yoghurt and a bottle of plonk.

On Day Two I kept to my own devices but progress was quite as frantic; the less time there is available, the more skiing is accomplished. At 3.30pm on the Sunday the coach arrived to transport us to Geneva. I had skied a respectable chunk of the world's most extensive skiing area and my body made clear that I had put more into two days than I would normally put into four.

The small party on the coach seemed well satisfied and sure that the compressed vacation had been worthwhile — even the stoic woman who suffered two disasters. The first had been confiscation of her gas-fired hair curling tongs by Airport security, the second a broken leg.



Early start: down to business with two full days' skiing

TRAVEL NOTES

Weekend ski transport, transfers and accommodation costs £149 plus £21.75 insurance from Bladon Lines, 56-58 Putney High Street, London SW15 1SF (Tel 01-785 7771 or 3131 for chalet parties). Airport Skis are at British Rail Concourse, Gatwick Airport, Horley, Sussex RH6 0NN (Tel 0293 515247). The cost of excellent quality skis, boots and poles from Friday evening to Sunday evening was £15.

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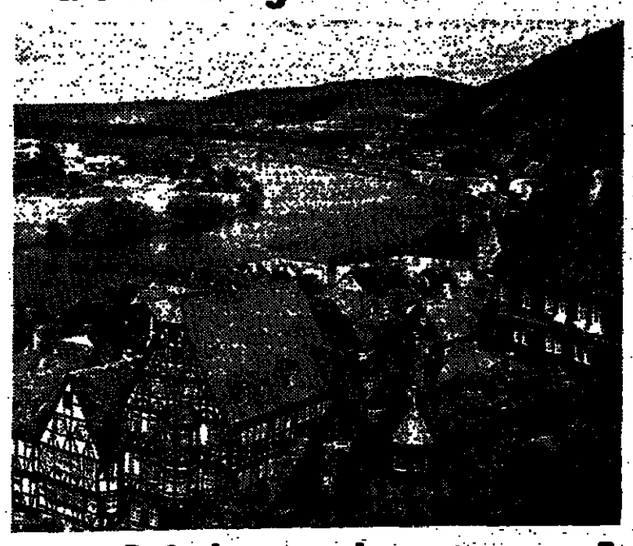
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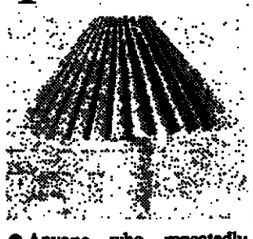
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IN THE GARDEN

A better class of gardeners

There are courses for all kinds of enthusiasts, says Francesca Greenoak



It is common for gardeners to hallucinate at this time of year: pools, paths, garden rooms and gazebos dance before the eye. Blink and they vanish — but gardeners all over the country can indulge their fantasies as never before with courses on just about every aspect of gardening, lasting from an hour to a three-year certificate course.

I spent an enjoyable day at the Elizabethan Chenies Manor House in Buckinghamshire watching demonstrations and lectures in its decorous surroundings. Outside the rain came down in sheets preventing any forays into the garden, but nobody minded. After lunch the tree expert, Brian Davis, brought in a large wheelbarrow and gave a talk illustrated with flowers and cuttings, followed by a lively question-and-answer session.

Also at Chenies, there is a certificate course run by the College of Garden Design. It is a one-day-a-week course (which start in May) running on Mondays for 34 weeks dealing with all aspects of garden design. Director Robin Williams commented that many of the participants — women at home, or early retirements — come on a casual basis to further their interest in gardening, although the certificate is approved by the Society of Landscape and Garden Design and could lead to a career in landscaping.

Lucy Huntingdon, co-director of the College of Garden Design, also runs a selection of her own courses from a converted farmhouse at the foot of the Quantocks. She has two-day courses on herbs, and several interesting-looking day courses on particular subjects including garden trees, woodland gardens, patios, roses and wall plants.



People who are in London for Chelsea week might be interested to know that the English Gardening School (in the quiet haven of the Chelsea Physic Garden) is giving individual lectures in the morning and afternoon from May 19-21. Rosemary Verey, Penelope Hobhouse and Jane Brown are among the celebrated speakers, and Kay Sanecki is using an interesting route to garden history — the garden tools of the past. A special series of garden visits is planned for the summer.

As well as its full-time diplomas, the Inchbold School of Design has a number of shorter courses including an all-purpose one on The Private Garden — Its Design and Maintenance from April 6-10. This course is held at the school in Eccleston Square but students visit the famous garden of Bymans, in West Sussex, and Kew Gardens. Those seeking solid practical experience might look at the school's English Garden Skills at Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire (April 27-May 1) which has participants digging, potting and up to their wellies in mud learning to make features such as garden steps.

John Brookes, the landscape designer and writer, teaches from his home at the foot of the South Downs so you can experience at first-hand his bold "outdoor-room" style of gardening. In between his four-week courses for design students, he lectures at next-door Denmans Garden which offers a wide choice of one-day seminars. John Brookes speaks (June 27) on Greenhouse and Conservatory Gardening, and among other tempting day seminars are The Fragrant Garden (June 12) and The Decorative Kitchen Garden (September 26) by designer Jenny Hook.



Harlow Car Gardens, Harrogate, the base of the Northern Horticultural Society, provides the setting for a wide range of gardening activities. Keen students can take RHS or City and Guilds courses for a reasonable sum, while there is a wealth of opportunity for the casual gardener to join in on guided walks through the Harlow Car wildlife garden during Wildflower Week, May 16-24.

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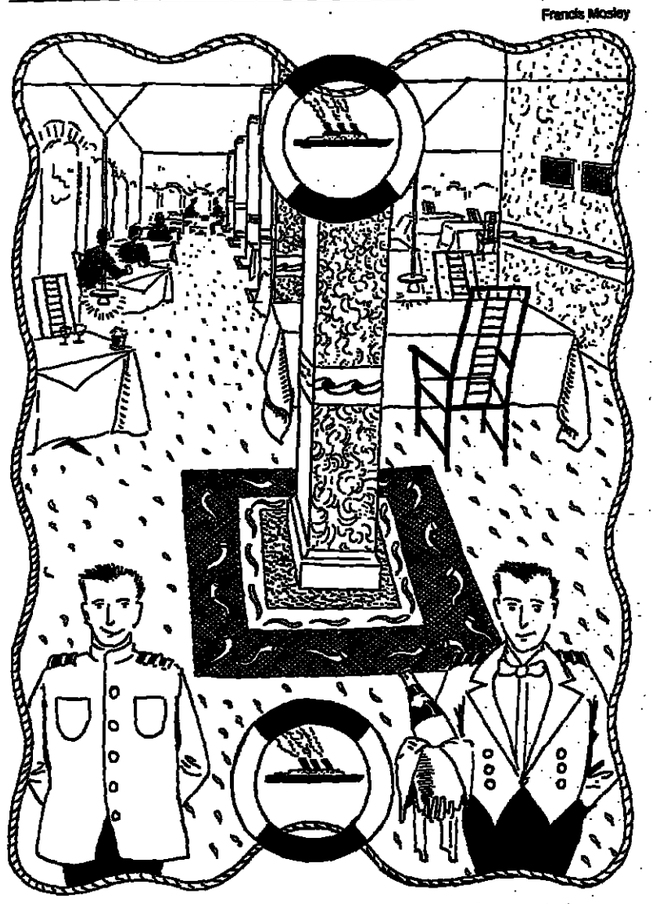
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EATING OUT

Warehoused wonders

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Francis Mosley



Outside London, restaurants that belong to or aspire to the first division are to be found in the countryside or in country towns. They are not, unless they are Chinese and in Manchester, to be found in the centres of great industrial cities. This, presumably, is because the disposable money in such places does not sleep in the centre of town — it goes home in its owners' wallets to Cheadle or Leamington or Harrogate.

From Southampton it goes home to Chilworth and Romsey and Lyndhurst. Yet here, in central Southampton, overlooking the dock of the Hythe Ferry and Southampton Water, is Geddes. Were it in London it would after six months' life be justly celebrated.

This is among the best-looking places I've set eyes on anywhere. It possesses an easy opulence and is done with great originality. But it does not stop there. The kitchen and the service are outstanding — which is not in the least bit surprising once you learn that both chef and *maître d'hôtel* have made the short trek across the New Forest from Chewton Glen, whose owner, Martin Skan, has trained and sent out into the world some most captivating cooks. The man here, Jean Christophe Novelli, is the latest in a long line.

The place takes its name from an 1860s warehouse. You enter through a chill dungeon with rack upon rack of wine behind bars in the gloom. This is a stroke of genuine theatre and is thoroughly un-English.

You ascend to the restaurant by a staircase made of light wood with exquisitely turned newels like giant cribbage markers. The two rooms that comprise the bar and the restaurant are large and endlessly delightful. The carpet, for instance, has been woven to order and its border curves with the contours of the space. The design was done by a local firm (unpromisingly named Interior Motives), which apparently specializes in the interiors of luxury yachts: so here and there are strands of wire rigging.

But it comes off, it has been done with a good eye and with a flair for the function of the place; it works as a restaurant as well as a beautiful interior.

The cooking is the product of a kitchen that abounds in confidence and invention. Two hepatically spectacular dishes to begin with: a chicken liver mousse, quite bereft of the metallic edge which that fowl's livers too often possess, with a thoroughly savoury sance based on fine foods, built with cream and port; a cake of foie gras of duck with brioche; a salad that was not dressed; and a chunk of cucumber sculpted by the kitchen vorticist to the shape of an infant lobster.

This last item was done with such *brio* that it was a world away from the common mill of hand-crafted tomatoes and origami root veg: the lack of dressing, on the other hand, was a miscalculation, and the only minus point scored by a meal that continued with veal stuffed with mozzarella and basil and sauced with dry vermouth and cream; venison, presumably from the New Forest, with perfectly based wine reduction, toasted pine nuts and purées of celeriac, carrot and spinach; plain steamed veg — potatoes, beans, cauliflower.

The French cheeses are of the standard that might be expected in a place that can get them overnight from Le Havre or Cherbourg. Whether it does get them from those sources I don't know, but the two goat cheeses (*a crottin* and a *tomme*) and the cow cheese (*reblochon*) were notable, especially the *tomme*; and the red Leicester was a revelation. The desserts include a crème brulée that is curiously close to new wave bread and butter pudding. Coffee comes from a shop whose smell used to entrance me as a child but I can't say much in its defence now.

From a mighty and considered wine list I came to Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon which, as they say, represents real value at £12.50 a throw. This list is presumably the work of the *maître d'hôtel*, Giuseppe Vurchio, a vinous didact whom I once saw eating, on a night off from Chewton Glen, in another restaurant run by an alumnus of that hotel's kitchen, the Michelin-starred Provence (which is just now moving from Southbourne to Sway, near Lymington). Now, if Signor Vurchio were the restaurant critic and I the restaurateur I'd really begin to worry. Bill: £76. But, if you stick to the set menu you'll pay £40 at lunchtime and £60 in the evening.

Geddes is, very likely, among the top 20 restaurants in Britain. Whether Southampton can support it, though, is moot.

The market referred to in the name of another warehouse conversion, Le Café du Marché, is Smithfield. This congenial bistro, all bare bricks and greenery, is meat-happy. Marinated raw beef to start, steak to follow; the former with olive oil and anchovy sauce, the other with Béarnaise. The other is also first-rate meat, char-grilled.

Beside these there is boudin blanc, *soi-disant*, but actually no such thing — rather a poached sausage of, maybe, port and veal dumped on a plate of butter beans; there is couscous which is vaguely proximate to the real thing.

There's nothing amiss, though, with the sweets, which include a tart lemon mousse and a poached pear over which the green corduroy giant who runs the place spills gills of pear liqueur. With all this, a roomful of Bart's doctors, two glasses of Beaumes de Venise and a spectacularly cheap Jaboulet Cornas, you'll pay £50 for two.

Geddes, Town Quay, Southampton, Hampshire (0703 21159); noon-2pm and 7.30-11pm Mon to Sat. Closed Sun.
Le Café du Marché, Charterhouse Mews, off north-west corner of Charterhouse Square, London EC1 (01-608 1609); noon-2.30pm and 6.30-10.00pm Mon to Sat. Closed Sat lunch and all day Sun.

DRINK

Bottles on a budget

Since duty on wine is still EEC-pegged to that on beer, and given that this is probably election year, it seems unlikely that the Chancellor will attack the drink sector dramatically on Tuesday — even though there has been no duty increase since 1985. Nigel Lawson, in any case, is already hauling in a staggering 95p in duty and VAT on every £2 bottle of wine sold in the UK, leaving just 25p for the actual cost of the wine and some 80p for the bottling, shipping and distribution costs.

But if you want to play safe, my advice is to lay in some cheering winter reds fast; you will need them to stave off the miserable March cold anyway. Waitrose's wine buyers continue to eclipse those of the other supermarkets and a good March pre-budget buy is their '82 Berri Estates Cabernet-Shiraz from Australia's hot irrigated Riverland (£3.75). Berri-Renmano, the giant concern that made this delicious spicy blackberry-like wine, is not my favourite Riverland producer but occasionally it produces a winner like this.

Another good reasonably-priced Waitrose March red is the excellent deep purple-black '83 Crozes-Hermitage from the Cave des Clairmonts (£3.75), with its rich peppery

Eric Beaumont



Syrah-influenced taste. Miles better, incidentally, than Sainsbury's version.

If your March recipes are especially full-flavoured you will perhaps be looking for still spicy but firmer, slightly less fruity, wines. Italy is a good source of these and I recently tasted a glorious 1985 Chianti Rufina from Grati. Ignore its busy blue-sashed label and concentrate instead on its deep purple colour, backed up by an excellent rich full morello-cherry taste, plus that pleasing snap of bitterness on the finish that lots of Italian wines have. All this for just £2.89 from The Market chain or £2.59 from Winecellars, 153/155 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18.

More magnificent still and one of the finest Italian wines I have ever tasted, also available from Winecellars for £4.25 a bottle or £4.79 at the market, is the glorious '85 Dolcetto d'Alba Gagliassi from Mascarello. This sensational opaque purple-black wine is seductively packed with ripe layers of velvety morello cherry fruit and, at 13.5 per cent alcohol, reminded me a little of young fermenting port. Just the drink to toast the Chancellor's health next Tuesday.

Jane MacQuitty

THE TIMES COOK

How to flesh out the fish

Guest cook Tom Jaine spices up a two-course fish dinner to provide a bit more bite than usual

Diana Leadbetter



A meal without meat does not qualify as a proper repast for a lot of people. Fish is not an acceptable substitute to the most hide-bound — unless it is a luxury item like salmon, lobster or crawfish. Earlier centuries skirted the problem by using meat stocks, bacon, suet and lard in quite a lot of their fish cookery. But in this meal the problem is tackled by suggesting a sauce so vigorous that taste buds and appetite could hardly require further satisfaction.

If the sufficiency of food in the larder is ever in question, or if the intended diner needs fortifying or reinvigorating, flavour it high: that is the real utility of spices, ignoring, of course, their more subtle charms.

With the turning of the year in the waters of Devon and Cornwall, crab and lobster become harder to catch, and many fishermen go over to scallops, lifting them from the sea bottom by dredges. (The effect of some of the larger boats ploughing the bed with great six-ton forked trawls can be dire. Little will thrive in their wake.)

Steamed scallops with a purée of mushroom and spinach

Serves four as a starter

- 3 scallops per person (prepared)
- 110g (4oz) spinach
- 110g (4oz mushrooms
- 50g (2oz) butter
- Sprig of thyme
- Lemon juice
- Nutmeg, salt and pepper

Wash, strip and sweat the spinach with half the butter. Purée it in the blender and reserve. Wipe, slice and sweat the mushrooms in the rest of the butter. Blend and mix with the spinach. Season. The combination of spinach and mushroom is tantalizing.

Over a pan of scarcely boiling water with a good sprig of thyme in it, steam the scallops whole until just firm and no longer translucent.

Place the purée in the centre of each plate, slice the nut of the scallops, but not the roes, and arrange around the purée. Season the scallops with black pepper and lemon juice.

John Dory, marked with St Peter's thumb print, is more often connected with warmed European shores, where its price accurately reflects its firm texture, bright colour and great taste. Indeed, once treated as something of a curiosity in British kitchens, only latterly has it received the attention it deserves. At this season, small fish outnumber the large, one or even two being needed for each person.

John Dory with a garlic, chilli and pimento sauce

Serves four

- 450g (1lb) gross weight of fish per person at the fishmongers before decapitation
- White wine
- One onion
- Three large cloves garlic
- 200g (7oz) tin red pimentos
- One or two chilli peppers, depending on strength

Oil a large enamel, aluminium or stainless pan and turn the seasoned fish briefly in it, over a low heat. Add a quarter of a glass of white wine and bring back to simmer. Cover the pan and transfer to a low oven preheated to gas ½/130°C/250°F. Cook between 10 and 15 minutes, depending on size, until the flesh feels firm and you can lift the top skin.

Meanwhile, chop the onion and garlic. Sweat the onion without colouring in a strong olive oil. Add the garlic at the end. Drain the pimentos and chop. Before adding the deseeded chilli season with salt and heat thoroughly.

Lift the fish on to a serving dish, remove their topside skins and reduce the pan juices by boiling. Serve with watercress and the juices, offering the sauce separately. Eat with quantities of mashed potatoes.

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BRIDGE

Partnership perils

The last minute defection of one of our team in the Crockfords Cup meant that I had to form an impromptu alliance with Gerald Haas.

Such partnerships are always in grave peril, because the few moments of discussion at one's disposal are usually insufficient to cover the potential areas of misunderstanding.

Our bidding on an early board was admirably simple.

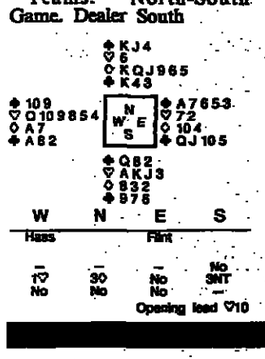
Flint	Haas
1NT	6♡
No	

The opponents meanly cashed two aces. At such times it is all-important to preserve the partnership's morale. "As we decided not to play Gerber, you made the only intelligent bid," I ventured diplomatically, if untruthfully.

When we led by 18 IMPs with eight boards to play, it appeared as if, despite our lack of partnership understanding, our experience would suffice.

But on the resumption Haas faced a difficult defensive problem.

Teams. North-South Game. Dealer South



W	N	E	S
Haas		Flint	
—	—	—	No
1♡	3◇	No	3NT
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♡10

Haas naturally attacked with his long suit, preferring the ♡10 to the Queen.

On this occasion it made no difference, but on the bidding there is much to be said for the Queen. Declarer won with the ♡J and set out about establishing the diamonds.

Haas wisely ducked the first round, but was obliged to win the second. From my peter he could deduce that declarer had three diamonds. Because he knew declarer had eight tricks within his grasp, Haas was faced with a critical but difficult switch. Bearing in mind South's initial pass, Haas could place me with some strength in the black suits. Unfortunately he elected to switch to the ♠10 and we could no longer defeat the game.

Superficially, if I had the ♠AQ a spade switch would be correct and a club switch fatal, because South must then hold the ♠Q. The objection lies in the possession of the ♠10 9 which, on the hypothesis that I had the ♠AQ, would leave the suit blocked. On that basis Haas should assume that I had the ♠A and the ♠Q and switch to a club. Obviously, if I didn't have the ♠A, there would be no defence.

Subsequently I misplayed a one no trump contract and our team-mates also strayed into the rough so, as I was forced to explain to Robert Sheehan, my usual partner, our domestic season had finished without us playing a single board together.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Short, sharp shock

Nigel Short scored his first win in game three of the Speed Chess Challenge. Nigel's opening was unorthodox and risky, but the shock element worked to his advantage.

Nigel launched an amazing pincer attack by both his King and his Queen. With Black's King marching, incredibly, directly against his own, and faced with mighty threats from the invading Black Queen, the world champion was forced to concede.

White: Gary Kasparov; Black: Nigel Short.

Game 3, Docklands Tropby, Tchigorin's Defence.

1	Nf3	d5	2	d4	Bg4
3	Nb5	Bf5	4	c4	a6
5	Nf3	e6	6	Nc3	a6
7	g3	Bb4	8	Bg2	Nd7
9	0-0	0-0	10	Qb3	a6
11	a3	Bxc3	12	bxc3	

Kasparov rightly avoids 12 Qxb7? Nd7 13 bxc3 Rb8.

12	—	Nd7	13	Nd2	a4
14	Qe2	Bg6	15	e4	Bf7
16	Rb1	Rb8	17	Qc2	b5
18	cxd5	cxd5	19	Qd3	Qa5
20	Rb1	Nb6	21	Rb4	Ba6
22	Rb2	Ne7	23	Re2	Nb6
24	h4	Rb7	25	Bh3	Rc8
26	Rb2	Nc4	27	Rb4	Qa7
28	Nxc4	Rxc4	29	Bxg2	Qa5
30	a5	f5	31	Bf1	Rb8
32	Qa3	Nf8			

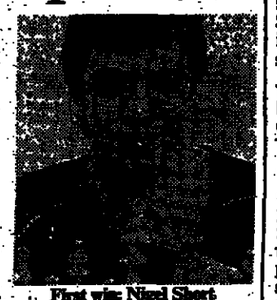
A brilliant move. First of all, Short stops White's intention of playing Qg5, secondly he offers a very profound sacrifice of his Rook on c4 for White's light-squared Bishop.

33	Rxb1	Nd7	34	Rb1-b2	Kg8
35	f3	Qa6	36	Rb1	Nb5
37	Bxc4	bxc4	38	Rb4-b2	Nd7

Planning ... Nd5, with absolute domination.

39	d5!				
39	—	Nxd5	40	Qc5	Qxf3
41	Rxb5	Re7	42	Rb6+	Kh7
43	Qh5!				

But this violent gesture turns out to be misguided.



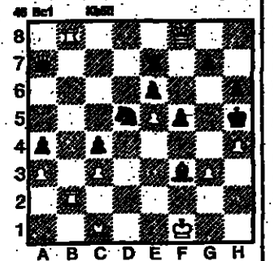
First win: Nigel Short

Correct is 43 Qf2! Bg4 44 Rd8! In this case the Queen guards the White King from possible threats, while White's own attack can proceed via Rbb8.

43	—	Qa7+	44	Kf1	Re7
45	Rxa2	Kg8!			

With White's forces committed to an attack along the 8th rank, the Black King advances out of danger and marches boldly forwards to attack its opposite number.

46	Re1	Kh8!			



The Black King continues its single-handed attack.

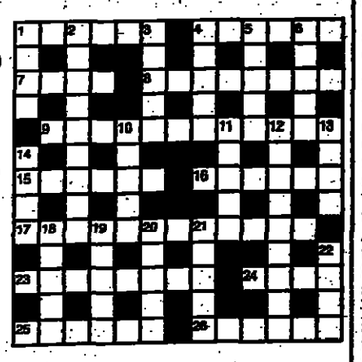
47	Re8	Qc5	48	Re6	Qxe3
49	g4+	Rxg4	50	Rxe4	Qe1

White resigns. A sensational win.

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1206

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 19. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 21.



ACROSS
1 Distorted (6)
4 Class pretentious (6)
7 Fire (4)
8 Family favouritism (8)
9 Space flight science (12)
15 Increase capital (6)
16 Boisterous laugh (6)
17 Jewish New Year (4,8)
23 Gushing (8)
24 Plate (4)
25 Coeliac's threat (6)
26 Bureau (6)

DOWN
1 Light strand (4)
2 Backpacks (9)
3 Wild Australian dog (5)
4 Reddish-brown (5)
5 Eight singers (5)
6 Fundamental (5)
10 Turbulent (5)
11 Throat flap (5)
12 Progressive price increase (9)
13 Female pigs (4)
14 Den (4)
18 Refuse (5)
19 Visit frequently (5)
20 Foreign (5)
21 Laughing dogfike mammal (5)
22 Watery milk part (4)

OLUTION TO NO 1205

ACROSS: 1 Superb 4 Havana 7 Riot 8 Blizzard 9 Install 11 Admit 12 Safety curtain 15 Molar 16 Cayenne 20 Plotting 21 Doff 22 Exeunt 23 Reveal
DOWN: 1 Strains 2 Pious 3 Babel 4 Hail 5 Anaemia 6 Audit 10 Alter 11 Array 13 Fulsome 14 Needful 15 Maple 17 Anger 18 Noose 19 Fist.

The winners of prize concise No 1200 are: Mr J. Buxton, Troughbrook Road, Hollingwood, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Gwen Pearce, Basorne House, Cot Valley, St Just, Cornwall.

SOLUTION TO NO 1200 (last Saturday's prize concise)

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REVIEW

The desert songsters

ROCK RECORDS

U2: The Joshua Tree (Island U26)
Simply Red: Men and Women (WEA WX85 242071-1)
Green on Red: The Killer Inside Me (Mercury GORLP 1)
The Icicle Works: If You Want To Defeat Your Enemy Sing His Song (Beggars Banquet BEGA 78)

Anton Corbijn



Dry humour: Larry Mullen Jnr, The Edge, Adam Clayton and a headless Bono pose in the wilderness for their album cover

The first of the year's heavyweight releases, **The Joshua Tree**, comes in a package of exquisite black and gold graphic design, with the figures of the four U2 musicians looming out in stark relief from the emptiness of a vast desert landscape, like characters in a Sergio Leone western.

The scope of the album is no less adventurous than such imagery of the wilderness and the Old Testament resonances of its title would suggest. The lyrics abound with references to fire and flood, blood running like rivers, and the healing hands of love, while Bono's singing is now tinged with a Messianic purity that is at odds with his former hard-rocking histrionics.

For a band who, along with Simple Minds, have become absorbed into the language of Rockspeak as a shorthand way of describing a particular sort of modern, overblown stadium-rock act, U2 is remarkably consistent in keeping its head above the placid waters of rock cliché. This album in common with the group's last effort, 1984's *The Unforgettable Fire*, is a dense weave that defies glib analysis and is slow to surrender its charms.

Produced, as was the last album, by Daniel Lanois and Brian Eno, *The Joshua Tree* boasts a stylistic open-endedness that accommodates both explorations of traditional territory like the heroic, tom-tom driven soundscape of "Where The Streets Have No Name", and incursions into new avenues such as the *ethereal pop-song* simplicity of "With Or Without You" (Bono's answer to "Every Breath You Take"?).

The Edge's recent work as a composer of film soundtrack music has obviously given him the impetus to study Ry Cooder, and the result is the sleepy acoustic slide-guitar sequence of "Running To Stand Still". Practically the only reference to the "classic" U2 sound is to be found in "Bullet The Blue Sky", where The Edge lets loose a barrage of guitar shrieks and shimmering glissandos against the kind of riff that the Screaming Blue Messiahs have made a career out of playing.

It is a bold, courageous album that does little to advance the group along predictable commercial lines, but emphasises instead a commitment to exploration that is remarkable for such a successful band in its ninth year.

Mick Hucknall made a fair *point on The Tube recently*, when he expressed his impatience with observers who constantly label Simply Red as purveyors of "white soul". Had no one noticed that half the band is black? Such a statement might indeed come as a revelation to an audience grown used to assuming that Mick Hucknall *is* Simply Red, an impression given no less weight by the huge photograph of him alone on the front cover of **Men and Women**, and a string of Hucknall songwriting credits, including two, for "Infidelity" and "Suffer", bearing the dubious legend "Hucknall Dozier Hucknall".

But insofar as *Men and Women* is a fizzy appropriation of black musical styles for consumption by the mass rock market, the "white soul" label sticks. "The Right Thing" and "I Won't Feel Bad" both romp along with galloping bass lines providing the heartbeat of the choruses, and "Let Me Have It All" is *the kind of rousing soul/funk* theme that Leon Russell used to have down to a tee.

Hucknall is a capable singer, but over-reaches himself with an attempt at Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye", and no matter what the racial complexion of the band, there is no getting away from the lumbering rock feel of a song like "Move On Out". It is a tiny album that captures the spirit of the times and will be purchased in large quantities, though not one suspects by *aficionados* of Curtis Mayfield.

Green on Red from Los Angeles have a firmer musical grip on their spiritual homeland, a place where "the west was really won (with) plenty of cheap labour and the mighty gun" ("Mighty Gun"). But **The Killer Inside Me** fails to capitalize on the band's promise, owing to its combination of excessive mock heroics and overly self-conscious slobbishness.

The hick, garage band cowboy sound works well enough on "Born To Fight", a gentle portrait of an old hell-raiser who knew no better, but too often Dan Stuart's strangulated vocals lapse into an unintentional parody of Alice Cooper and a number like "We Ain't Free" lurches closer to the work of Lynyrd Skynyrd than to that of the more contemporary roots rockers.

As you rush out to buy your Beatles CDs, spare a thought for The Icicle Works whose **If You Want To Defeat Your Enemies Sing His Song** upholds many of the Merseybeat traditions if not that of titular brevity. The album includes three great singles, "Understanding Jane", "Up Here In The North Of England" and "Evangeline" and as well as promoting the virtues of "proper" singing and catchy choruses, even finds room in its heart for a good middle-eight here and there. Perhaps a counter-revolution is next on the agenda.

David Sinclair

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All these sides of his art are displayed in this invaluable collection from EMI, which covers a quarter century of his career from 1913 to the immediate prewar years.

Compare the version on Side 1 of Des Grieux's "Ah! dispar, vision" (Schipa preferred to sing in Italian, although his "Plaisir d'amour" shows perfectly repectable French) made when he was 25 with that on Side 3 recorded 20 years later.

The latter shows more refinement and indeed more drama — Massenet's hero was always one of Schipa's best roles. But the grace and musicianship was there right from the start and so were the head tones which allowed Schipa to float pianissimo high notes for a delicious eternity, as at the end of this aria. Vulgarity never sullied his singing.

Those early recordings, here remastered with much skill, show him taking on quite heavy areas of the tenor repertoire: Enzo *(Gioconda)*, Turridu *(Cavalleria)*. But it was in the purely lyric roles that he excelled: Elvino in *La sonnambula* — alas only one Bellini track in three dozen here — Ernesto in *Don Pasquale* (three tracks) and Des Grieux himself.

There is, of course, the Cherry Duet from Mascagni's *L'amico Fritz*, recorded with Mafalda Favero in a version unlikely ever to be surpassed. The surprising omissions among the Schipa roles are Massenet's Werther and Thomas's Wilhelm in *Mignon*, the first opera to be broadcast from The Met with Schipa there at the head of the cast.

EMI's next task: a comparable assembly of Miguel Fleta, Schipa's great rival.

John Higgins

Perfect twosome

JAZZ RECORDS

Bill Evans & Jim Hall Undercurrents (Memoir Jazz MOIR 504)
***Norma Winstone* Somewhere Called Home (ECM 1337)**

Recognized as a classic as soon as it appeared in the United States a quarter of a century ago, **Undercurrents** — the first recorded duo performance by the pianist Bill Evans and the guitarist Jim Hall — has never until now been released in Britain.

Comparable temperaments, phlegmatic, discreet, intellectually active, made Evans and Hall the most natural of partners. They drew similar restrained, glowing tones from their instruments.

"My Funny Valentine" is usually held to be the pick of the six tracks — partly, perhaps, because it is played against type, as a medium-tempo swinger rather than a saloon-bar dirge. This is still, though, a very cerebral treatment, with marvellously sensitive interplay.

Less obvious are the serene, lucid charms of "Romain" and "*Darn that Dream*", the former a Hall composition of great melodic value. The lilting treatment of John Lewis's "Skating in Central Park" — the first recording, apparently, of this delightful jazz waltz — is another highlight of an album that reminds us how sorely we miss Evans and how grievously the jazz world has underrated the brilliant Hall.

Norma Winstone's admirers have been kept waiting a long time for the sequel to *Edge of Time*, with which she made her solo debut in 1972.

John Taylor (piano) and Tony Coe (clarinet and tenor saxophone) provide the accompaniment on **Somewhere Called Home**, a limpid collection in which new melodies by Egberto Gismonti, Ralph Towner and Kenny Wheeler (each with Miss Winstone's words) are ranged alongside the familiar "Tea for Two" and "Out of this World".

Richard Williams

Flights of fantasy

BOOKS

The New Collected Short Stories by E.M. Forster (Sidgwick & Jackson, £7.95)

The New Collected Short Stories ends with three posthumously published tales, and the last, "The Other Boat", is a startling achievement. Two children, British Lionel and dark-skinned Cocoanut, are playing on deck and 10 years later they meet apparently by chance on a boat bound for Bombay and become lovers.

Forster's prose has a deep assurance here: in a short space his characters become something quite beyond their types, strange and mutually destroying. The upright Briton strangles his foreign lover in a *macabre erotic ending*.

The story is charged with an eroticism that nearly spills over into purple prose, checked by the fact that Cocoanut's desire for Lionel is watchful, controlling; Cocoanut schemed to possess him *since they met 10 years ago*. But Cocoanut, it seems, has conspired in his own death. And there is a third important party in the form of Lionel's absent but powerful mother. The story is about prescience, control, and fate, as much as it is about homosexual love and death.

Kathy O'Shaughnessy

In Forster's story "The Celestial Omnibus", a boy takes a sunset omnibus into a metaphysical land inhabited by *Shelley, Wagner's* Rhinemaidens, and others — a heaven at once kitsch and serious.

Returning home his parents shriek with derisive laughter ("Diddums think he'd walky-palky up to Evink!" [heaven]). *Then his father canes him for* being untruthful, saying at each stroke: "There is no omnibus, no driver, no bridge, no mountain; you are a truant, a gutter snipe, a liar."

Forster divides his characters in *The New Collected Short Stories* into those like the father who believes that fiction is lies and fact is truth; and those, like the boy, who believe in imaginative truth and nature. The latter kind are imprisoned by ordinary life, plunge into nature with delirious, dangerous intensity, and hover on the brink of strange worlds. These worlds occur in many of these stories — usually just beyond the alley next door, or on the other side of the hedge: as in children's tales where *the wardrobe leads to* another world and the sky leads to Never-Never land.

But Forster is a clever, arch, watchful teller of tales and he makes sure to litter his stories with sceptical observers of nearly unimaginable dryness. In "Story of a Panic" Eustace encounters and is changed by nature: he freely talks about the trees, sky, and stars and is understood only by the Italian servant at the hotel. Forster's narrator is a gloriously small-minded person, whose distorted perception of foreigners is recorded in grotesque and comic detail, before the story topples over into tragedy.

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week

FICTION

A View of the Harbour, by Elizabeth Taylor (Virago, £3.95). Passion intrudes disruptively into respectable coastal resort

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God Save The Child, by Robert B. Parker (Penguin, £2.50). Spenser, wry Boston Eye, sorts out kidnapping of confused little rich boy in usual wisecracking, macho, fist-fighting way

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NON-FICTION

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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Afraid of the Woolf?

A mysterious tale of two cities: The Royal Lyceum in Edinburgh has scrapped plans for a production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* next month after claiming that author Edward Albee's London agents insisted he should vet the choice of director and cast.

They also allege he wanted to be flown from the US for rehearsals and change the production as he saw fit. Agents Samuel French confirm the first condition, but deny the others.

Meanwhile London's Young Vic was allowed to proceed with its production after Albee approved of director David Thacker and stars Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart. Thacker is full of admiration for the writer, who was "extremely helpful" on the phone, and would have been welcome to attend rehearsals. Regrettably, Albee had other commitments.

Phantom of the Carousel

American producer Thomas Z. Shepard is mixing an exotic cocktail of opera and showbusiness glitterati for a new recording of *Carousel* on the MCA label. On the classical side, Canadian contralto Maureen Forrester will "never walk alone" in the company of British tenor David Rendall



Rendall and Brightman

and Kansas born baritone Samuel Ramey (von Karajan's *Don Giovanni*).

Broadway is represented by Barbara Cook, and the West End by Sarah Brightman. Shepard has also recruited the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

● **Illustrator Ralph Steadman has won an international accolade at the Bologna Trade Fair with his children's book "That's my Dad". It was judged the best of 507 entries from 18 countries by a particularly critical jury: children aged between six and nine.**

And just for the record

I hear the Public Record Office has "lost" a rare 16th century chest believed to have belonged to Lady Margaret Beaufort, the mother of Henry VII. It seems the medieval luggage went missing when the PRO's museum in Chancery Lane, west London, was being cleared out for last year's Domesday exhibition. Scotland Yard has discovered no clues, and the Keeper fears it may have been inadvertently thrown out with building site rubbish.

Gavin Bell

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THE ARTS

Artist in exile

"Cinema is a way of preserving time . . . Time is captured for ever," said Andrei Tarkovsky in a poignant clip from last night's tribute by *Arena* (BBC 2) to the brilliant Russian film director who recently died, far too young, in exile in Paris.

It is too early to say whether time will fully preserve Tarkovsky's reputation. He undoubtedly had a quite remarkable cinematic vision

TELEVISION

which created some of the most memorable images of *modern cinema*. Their metaphysical trappings were less assured, but then Tarkovsky spoke of his films being made "against the desires of the audience" who seek easy explanations.

One arbitrary test of individual artistic greatness is *the distinctiveness* which both invites and transcends parody. T. S. Eliot or Bergman are easily mocked but are never humbled by burlesque. Tarkovsky, however, developed so complex a style that any passable imitation is itself an achievement.

***Though not without wit*, Tarkovsky was resolutely serious in his self-reference, and *his reworking of certain images* was obsessional rather than playful. *Arena*'s film *revealed his ferocious dedication* to his art and its great dependence on his own personal experience.**

***Mirror*, which was a reworking of his own childhood and included his parents, shows that the cinema is, in fact, no simple formaldehyde *that renders time static*. Even though a completed film is in one sense a fixed entity, its *relation to history changes* according to the time and place of its showings — particularly *with a director like Tarkovsky* who had his work suppressed at home while feted abroad.**

***In exile* he was cut off from the main source of his creation. *Nostalgia*, centred on an exiled Russian artist, made a virtue of necessity but his last film, *The Sacrifice*, despite its many qualities is an uneasy work of displacements.**

Andrew Hislop

Behind the screens

Television coverage of the cinema has always been thin, says **Chris Peachment**, but a new Channel 4 series may help to redress the balance

Cinema is ill-served by its ungrateful offspring. Aside from Barry Norman cackling away in his popcorn-strewn lair, there is *no programme* about cinema on the television, let alone one that manages to take it at all seriously.

Channel Four's last effort, *Visions*, was often highly *memorable if only for its* aberrancy. There is, however, a limit to an audience's tolerance for watching a line-up on Third World films which subvert something or other *and will not be shown in this* country.

There is an urgent requirement for a programme somewhere between the two mentioned above. With the launch of *The Media Show* next Thursday on Channel 4 this hole may be, if not completely smoothed over, at least partly filled.

The show's editor, Michael Jackson (not the singer, as he must be tired of repeating), *has devised a tripartite format*. There will be one large feature of some 20 minutes, a *shorter one of 14minutes*, and two or three short news items. Obviously the claims of the various media will vary in importance, but the first three programmes all contain a major feature on the cinema.

The first item concerns the involvement of the military in film making. Hollywood has always made use of the superior technical resources that the military can offer to large-scale recreations of battle; and *the military* has usually been pleased with the propaganda element which the movie provides for them. So the deal cuts both ways.

Things are getting a shade out of hand these days, however, when a film like *Top Gun* simply could not be made *without a very large involvement* from the US Marine Air Corps, which loaned all the $30m Tomcat aircraft on display in that film. They maintained considerable powers of veto over the script; they then set up recruiting booths in the foyers of cinemas and reported a record number of volunteers.

Jane Root, one of the producers of *The Media Show*, interviewed a commander in the American Navy responsible for liaison with Hollywood. He is an affable fellow and something of a movie buff. Moreover, he likes Oliver Stone's *Platoon* very much.





Thumbs up from the US *Marine Air Corps meant* that Tom Cruise, above, got all the $30m aircraft that he *needed, and Marine pilots to* do the hard bits, for his film *Top Gun*. On the other hand *Clint Eastwood*, right, gained some help from the Marines for the invasion of *Grenada for his Heartbreak Ridge*, but then found them withdrawing support from the finished product because of "foul language"

Oliver Stone, on the other hand, *hates Top Gun with a* vengeance, claiming that it is a kind of pornography. He never received any help from the military for his filming; but then he didn't receive much help from Hollywood either, since the film was financed by an independent British company.

The programme then interviews various Vietnam veterans and comes down, not surprisingly, on the side of Oliver Stone. Unfortunately, there is an excluded middle in here somewhere. For the programme completely ignores the case of Clint Eastwood's recent *Heartbreak Ridge*, which received considerable assistance from the US Marines. However, when the Marines saw the finished product they withdrew their *imprimatur and made* no efforts to capitalize on the film's success. As usual, the arguments are never quite as clear as television would have you believe.

The second movie item will feature film maker Franco Rosso looking at American *small towns and how they are* used in film, either as the repository of good nature and folk wisdom in the films of Frank Capra, or as the home of nightmare and dirty linen in films which range from *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* to the recent *Blue Velvet*. It is an *imaginative idea and, if it* matches up to the feature by Richard Corliss in a recent *Film Comment* magazine on exactly the same subject, then it should be an incisive analysis.

The third programme will have a feature on the marketing of Stephen Frear's film of *Prick Up Your Ears*, which has a script by Alan Bennett taken from John Lahr's biography of the life and times of playwright Joe Orton.

We live in an era when the *marketing of anything is seen* as more interesting than the product itself; but it might be *justified in this case, where the* problem becomes the very knotty one of how to sell a homosexual love story in the age of AIDS.

Palace Pictures are somewhat grudgingly aknowledged to be the best marketers of their films by weary *journalists who have been on* the sharp end of their practices. It is a pity that they are *not handling the marketing* for this particular film; we might have got to know the enemy a little better.

Smaller items lined up for the future include a look at the creators of the new television programme *LA Law*, which does attempt some answers as to why the programme is so bad, compared to its ancestor *Hill Street Blues*. And film director Peter Wyeth is making a short feature on the presentation of the news in South Africa.

Smaller jokey items will include a look at *Pravda*'s man in London, who is not allowed 25 miles outside the city without police escort, and at a company whose sole job is to sell palm trees to the film industry. With the current rage for jungle films such as *The Emerald Forest*, *The Mission* and Stanley Kubrick's forthcoming *Full Metal Jacket*, they would seem to be in a bull market.

The sighs of relief from the film world, that at last it has *some representation on* television, are large enough to power sailing boats up the Thames. Whether it will be good, and whether it will be enough is something which *time and The Media Show* will tell. Now all they have to do is think of a better title for the programme.



Roz Drinkwater

The Emperor and I: Jonathan Miller directs the disabled Jordanian actor Nabil Shaban

Decline and fall

Andrew Hislop on a dramatization at the Royal Court of the extraordinary life led by Emperor Haile Selassie

Most books strut uneasily on the stage. Novels are often but a shadow of their former selves and historical or factual works, however well dramatized, are always prone to have their theatrical impact undermined by questions about what really happened. Indeed, as the Royal Court found *with Perdition*, the small matter of historical truth is even sometimes big enough to drive a play off the stage.

However, the Theatre Upstairs at the Court has now come up with a play which, though based on a book that is distinctly selective in *its approach to a political subject, should* provide fascinating theatre without provoking too much controversy.

The Emperor, a study of the decline and fall of Haile Selassie by the celebrated Polish journalist, Ryszard Kapuściński, has been adapted for stage by Michael Hastings and Jonathan Miller, who also directs the production with some help from Hastings.

No doubt anything to do with Ethiopian politics will invite protests from some quarter. But what is extraordinary about this quite *remarkable book (Picador, £2.95) is that it* both magically conjures up the cadences and nuances of Selassie's most peculiar tyranny, yet has a literary *impetus of its own.*

Its very artifice, in its presentation of contrasting and complementary subjective *accounts by attendants at Selassie's court*, makes it more immune to those who wish to assault it with historical caveats. "The *enamelled opacity of the prose is so unlike* what must have been the actual diction of those characters," says Miller. "It has been *rendered into academic Polish, then refracted* again through translation, so it has acquired the character of Kafka."

Furthermore, this protective clothing around *The Emperor* has survived its translation to the stage since Miller and Hastings have avoided the *temptation to dramatize the* event rather than *the characters'* account of them. "It's not quite the book, but it's as near as you can get to the book in a stage version," says Miller. "We've *made no real attempt* to dramatize the scenes because it is not about that. It is about language. It's a sort of risk *doing it on the stage. In a way it belongs on the* page but it cries out to be spoken."

Miller compares the telling of the stories in *the play to an oratorio*. Each of the cast — which comprises actors from West Africa, Trinidad, and the superbly expressive disabled Jordanian actor, Nabil Shaban — play several characters, and Selassie himself is played by different people during the performance.

Kapuściński has welcomed the prospect of a production that is so faithful to the literary qualities of his book. Miller says of him that, "he's really a poet who uses journalism as a medium through which to be a poet. He is also a photographer, and you get this wonderful *tension between the imagination of someone* who works with physical images but has to go through the medium of mental images."

The Emperor is a work particularly suited to the polymath Miller's interest in the psychology of memory and mental images since, not *only is it a collection of memories* imaginatively reconstructed by Kapuściński, but the whole of Haile Selassie's empire centres on the *little ruler's own quite extraordinary memory*. Despite personally overseeing nearly all government appointments and financial transactions, he never wrote anything down on paper and kept everything in his head.

Watching Miller rehearse, it is obvious that he relishes working again in a small theatre with an intimate group of actors. The irony of Miller directing a play about Selassie is soon *obvious — both masters of an aural culture*, one a shrivelled listener cocking his ear to talk of conspiracies, the other a lofty speaker who talks first and is asked questions later.

Long day's journey

CINEMA

If the prodigious assembling of archive material was all that was needed to make a good documentary, *Otto Klemperer's Long Journey Through His Times* would rank high.

The Dutch director Philo Bregstein's film is being shown, not very competently subtitled, at the National Film Theatre on Sunday at 6.30pm as part of the Jewish Film Festival, and fans of the great conductor — who died in 1973, the year before this film was made — will be attracted for these rare historical insights.

They will not be disappointed by footage of Felsenstein's radical, naturalistic *Carmen* production, which Klemperer conducted at the Komische Oper in 1949, or by numerous stills and reminiscences of the brief but gloriously influential heyday of the Krolloper in Berlin, before the Nazis suppressed it in 1931 for alleged *Kulturbolschewismus*.

The contrast between the energetic young pioneer — in the van of attempts to give Mahler and Schoenberg sympathetic performances — and the crippled but magnetic old maestro filmed rehearsing the New Philharmonia in 1971 (*terrorizing* would be more accurate) is movingly drawn.

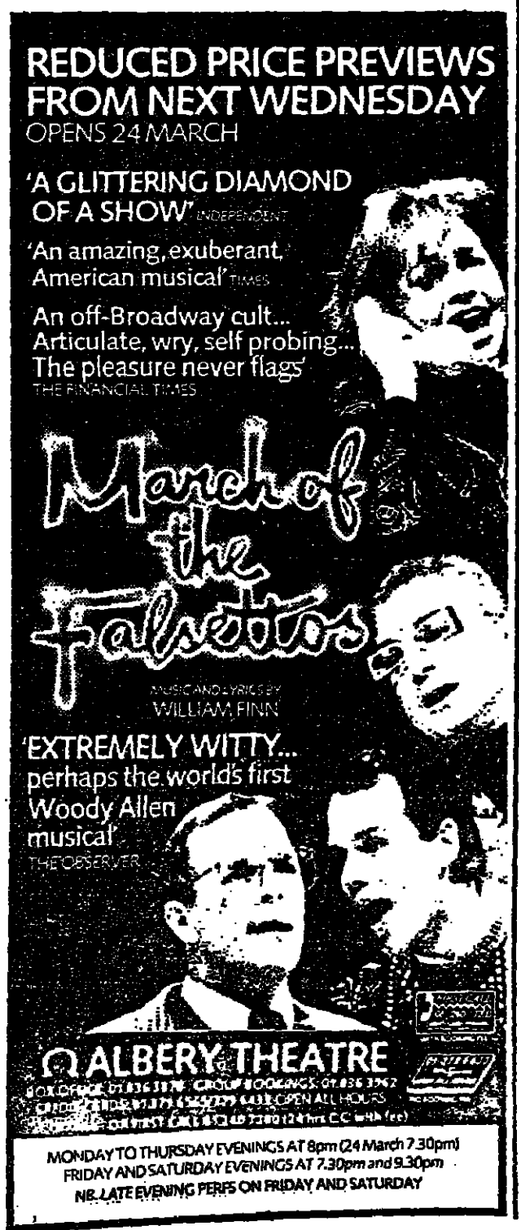
However, what the NFT euphemistically calls the film's "impressionistic way" is more truthfully labelled sloppy editing. Loose ends dangle from the narratives (by Klemperer himself and some distinguished contemporaries); there is a crucial lack of context in some areas.

At times this verges on the *disingenuous. For instance, in* a film which emphasizes so heavily the suffering brought *on Klemperer by his Jewish*ness, it was silly to try to brush aside the fact that at the time (and indeed for 40 years) he was a practising Catholic.

The film waxes eloquent *about momentous tides of* history, less so about Klemperer's real reaction to them; it has nothing new to add about his musicianship, and is oddly reticent about some (now well-known) important relationships in his life.

He does emerge as a doughty fighter against the political odds, not just in Germany and post-war Hungary, but in America where he came under McCarthy's myopic scrutiny and where his physical disability led him to the painful discovery that (as his daughter Lotte says), "in America, all is based on success".

Richard Morrison



Swan song

DANCE

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

To tackle *Swan Lake* as your first attempt at producing a ballet is ambitious, so it is not surprising that Anthony Dowell's achievement, unveiled at Covent Garden on Thursday, falls a little short of the high aims he evidently set himself.

The result is certainly better than the Royal Ballet's home team has possessed for quite a *time, and welcome on that* account. But whether it will carry the company happily beyond the centenary of the classic choreography by Petipa and Ivanov (only eight years away now) is less sure.

Dowell's guiding purpose has been to get back nearer to *that 1895 landmark*, on which all the various Royal Ballet productions over the years *have been based. That makes* the choice of Yolanda Sonnabend as designer all the more inexplicable.

For modern ballets she can create decors of such rich *imagination that they have* more than once turned indifferent choreography into a success, but she shows little understanding of, or sympathy for, the classic tradition.

A curious double front cloth precedes each theme, but what it represents I do not know, other than an addition to the expensive-looking clutter that surrounds the stage.

The opening scene, outside some gilded palace gates, is the best; the ballroom, immensely congested with staircases, balconies, lamps and baubles, is the worst. Amid this mess, a host of extras in fancy dress and dancers in cabaret costumes complete the frippery *ostentation*.

Sonnabend and Dowell have decided to start the ballet in the Russia of Tchaikovsky's day, which works reasonably well, although without either the dramatic edge or the careful detail of John Neumeier's comparable Hamburg staging in the Bavaria of Ludwig II.

It also saddles Siegfried with one of those naff uniforms that have become an unwelcome cliché for dressing ballet princes. The costumes elsewhere are eclectic and unhelpful: I would not bet much on the longevity of the swans' white bonnets which contribute to a rather 1920s look.

The main virtue of the production is that it sweeps away many modern accretions to the choreography. These include some attractive dances by Ashton which ought to be preserved in a different context (why not an occasional showpiece to brighten a mixed bill?), but Dowell's instinct to revert to the lyrical sadness of Ivanov's original fourth act was entirely right.

I am less happy about the new waltz by David Bintley in Act One; what was meant as a Petipa pastiche has ended as a run-of-the-mill number owing more to Ashton and Cranko.

A lot will depend on how the ballet is danced and played. Mark Ermler conducts with some rapturously evocative moments and some extreme contrasts of tempo.

In the opening cast, Cynthia Harvey gave the impression that she could become a notable Odette and Odile once the production has settled in, especially with a partner who *can provide more drama* and more elegant support than Jonathan Cope does at this stage.

Harvey's Swan Queen had a lot of fine detail; her seductive enchantress turned a wicked *fouetté*, but could not quite keep up with Ermler's brisk pace in the pit.

Apart from her, the outstanding contributions came from Maria Almeida and Karen Paisey in the first act pas-de-trois (but why are they dancing in their petticoats?) with Phillip Broomhead as their dashing escort.

The four little swans were impeccably drilled, but the corps de ballet as a whole will take a long time, I suspect, to match the passion and sweep of their predecessors in the misconceived but marvellously danced Royal Ballet production of *Swan Lake* during the 1960s.

John Percival



Black magic: Cynthia Harvey and partner Jonathan Cope

CONCERT

RPO/Temirkanov
Festival Hall

At *no stage in this* all-Russian programme could one accuse Yuri Temirkanov of being unduly reticent in gesture. It did seem, however, that for Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony the prince of podium showmen was making a severe and heroic effort to rein in his gargantuan "charisma".

The result was as coherent an account of this enigmatic score as I have heard Temirkanov obtain in any symphony. That does not mean the interpretation was particularly revelatory, or that it demonstrated more than average sensitivity. But it did have integrity and concentration, particularly in the first movement — steered cogently towards an anguished climax — and in the unusually well-phrased largo.

There was nothing wrong, either, with *launching the* finale at the frenzied pace adopted here. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which actually had to play the notes, pursued the *maestro's* beat here at a discreet distance. There had been much cultured *string playing earlier, though*, and a horn/flute duet of unforced tenderness to wind *down the first movement*.

If Shostakovich subdued Temirkanov, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Russian Easter Festival Overture* predictably tempted out his lurking tendency to impersonate Nijinsky. *It is a tribute to the RPO's* professionalism that they got their heads down and *ploughed through*, but the ensemble was necessarily speculative.

Cécile Ousset's superbly assertive *playing in Prokofiev's* Third Piano Concerto soon instilled greater musicality. Steely-fingered and crazily quick in places, she also conjured much caressing tone. Her insouciant characterization of some of the middle movement's variations inspired Temirkanov to some vintage choreography, often when the orchestra was silent.

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APRIL

SALZBURG EASTER FESTIVAL
The quieter Salzburg celebration: this year von Karajan's own production of *Don Giovanni* is unwrapped as a herald to its main summer run. His first recording of the opera, released last autumn, caused quite a critical stir. The cast for this staging is virtually unchanged, with Anna Tomowa-Sintow, Julia Varady, Kathleen Battle, Gösta Winbergh and Samuel Ramey. The festival also offers six orchestral concerts of Bruckner, Haydn, Schubert and Strauss, with the Berlin Philharmonic, von Karajan and Giulini.
April 11-20: Osterfestspiele Salzburg, Festspielhaus, A-5010 Salzburg, Austria. (010 43 662 842541 361)

MAY

50TH MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO
The major Italian festival of concerts, opera and ballet at a wealth of beautiful venues. The festival opens with Elijah Moshinsky's production of Berlioz's *Benvenuto Cellini*, conducted by Vladimir Fedoseyev, and on May 13 Wily Decker's production of *Capriccio* with Felicity Lott, Wolfgang Brendel and Josef Protschka. For continuing events, see June.
April 28-July 4: Teatro Comunale, Via Solferino 15, Florence, Italy (010 39 55 262841).

MOSCOW STARS ARTS FESTIVAL
Moscow's three main theatres are taken over by nights of Pushkin, Gogol and Chekhov, and there are evenings of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Russian, Italian and German chamber opera staged by the young Chamber Music Theatre.
May 5-13: Intourist offers a trip departing May 2 for five days in Leningrad and nine in Moscow for £538. Includes three theatre tickets and full board.

VIENNA FESTWOCHEN (SPRING FESTIVAL)
This year's festival starts with an open air concert with Placido Domingo on May 15 and ends on June 22 with Giulini and the Vienna Philharmonic performing Brahms's *German Requiem*. New opera productions include *Otello* (Wood/Mehta), and *Wozzeck* (Drese/Abbado); new theatre productions are led by Vienna's English Theatre in performances, directed by the author, of Albee's *Marriage Play*. There will also be an International Children's Theatre Festival; a symposium on Female Sexuality and Creativity; and a major exhibition of European Mannerism, called "Medusa's Spell".
May 9-June 14: Wiener Festwochen, Friedrich-Schmidt Platz 4, A-1080 Wien, Austria (010 43 42804).
Henebery offers a six-day B&B trip departing May 18 at £410. Tickets provided, but not included in price.

PRAGUE SPRING FESTIVAL
Mozart claimed that only the people of Prague really understood him, and this festival does show a special feel in its attractive planning and presentation. Now in its 41st year, the emphasis is on Czech music and musicians, laced with international artists. Highlights this year include concerts by the Czech Philharmonic conducted by Yuri Simonov and visits by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet and the Leningrad Philharmonic under Mravinsky. There will be a special concert on May 23 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Prague premiere of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.
May 12-June 1: Dum Umelcu, Alsovo Nabrezi 12, CS-11001, Prague, Czechoslovakia (010 42 231 9261).
Brompton offer three-night trips from £259 or one-week trips from £399, including tickets, half-board and city tour.

SETTIMANE MUSICALI INTERNAZIONALI: NAPLES
Founded by Neapolitan violinist, Salvatore Accardo, this festival has chamber music-making at its heart, and the major performances take place in the context of a lively atmosphere of concerts and open rehearsals, involving young musicians from all over the world. This year has a Russo-Austrian focus. There will also be a staged 'spettacolo' of Stravinsky's *Soldier's Tale* in the Teatro Mercadante.
May 14-31: Settimane Musicali Internazionali, Piazza del Martiri 58, 80121 Naples, Italy (010 39 81 406011).

ISRAEL FESTIVAL (JERUSALEM)
The country's major arts festival, now centring on Jerusalem's new arts complex. Dublin's Gate Theatre presents Beckett's trilogy and Sean O'Casey's *Juno and the Paycock*; Peter Brook's Paris company present their *Carmen*; and there will be concerts by the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra for Hungary, the Philip Glass Ensemble and the Tokyo Quartet. Also two days of international jazz, and choral concerts in the Church of the Dormition.
May 19-June 13: Sherover Theatre, 20 Marcus Street, Jerusalem 9140, Israel (010 57 667167).

JUNE

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO
The Festival's June highlights are Henze's realization of Monteverdi's "*Il ritorno d'Ulisse*", and a visit from the Opera Ballet of Frankfurt.
For details see May.
Continues in July.

DROTTNINGHOLM COURT THEATRE FESTIVAL
One of Sweden's and, indeed, the western world's most attractive and musicologically significant festivals, held in the eighteenth-century Court Theatre, where musicians in the pit play in period costume. This year's programme includes a new production from the Royal Opera Stockholm of Gluck's *Paride ed Elena*, a new *Clemenza di Tito*, and a revival of *Le nozze di Figaro*.
May 30-July 31: Drottningholms Teatermuseum, Box 27050, S-10251, Stockholm, Sweden (010 46 630510).
Sovereign offers a special four-day package, costing from £450 for B&B, tickets and backstage tour. Departs June 16, July 11, 15, 19.

ST AMAND-MONTROND SUMMER FESTIVAL
Just two years old, this young festival focuses on baroque music played by the Concerto Avenna (an offshoot of the Polish Chamber Orchestra), and two recitals by the Russian pianist Yevgeny Mogilevsky. Concerts take place in and around the chateaux of Saint Amand-Montrond, just three hours from Paris.
June 2-6: 3 Rue de Varennes, 18200 St Amand-Montrond, France (010 33 48 961471).

KUOPIO (FINLAND) DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Lakeside and market square overflow with dancing from local and visiting groups, and the Kuopio City Theatre will be used round the clock for performances and open rehearsals. This year's theme is gypsy dance: there will be an international seminar from June 8-10. Festival events are backed by courses and competitions on classical, modern, jazz and folk dance.
June 4-10: Tulliportinkatu 27, 70100 Kuopio, Finland (010 358 971 221844).

MOZART FESTIVAL WURZBURG
This year sees Mozart's arrangement of *Messiah*, as well as visits from the Hagen Quartet and the Chamber Orchestra of Sofia.
June 13-28: Mozart-Fest Wurzburg, Fremdenverkehrs und Kulturamt, Haus zum Falken, D-8700 Wurzburg, West Germany.
Heritage offers a tour from June 17-24 at £685 including half-board, three tickets and excursions.

HOHENEMS SCHUBERTIADE
Devoted in the main to the music of Schubert, and particularly his Lieder, the festival this year has a rich roll-call of recitalists, including Robert Holl, Jessye Norman, Olaf Baer, Lucia Popp and Peter Schreier. Brigitte Fassbaender will unveil her long-awaited *Winterreise*. Chamber music dominates the second week.
June 13-28: Postfach 100, A-6845 Hohenems, Austria (010 43 5576 2091)
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15TH ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Performances in Byzantine and Ottoman sites of Mozart's *Il seraglio*; visits from the Bucharest Madrigal Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra; ballet from Les Grand Ballets Canadiens and the Netherlands Dance Theatre; limitless Turkish folk, classical, jazz and pop.
June 15-July 31: Istanbul Kultur ve Sanat Vakfi, Yildiz Kultur ve Sanat Merkezi, Yildiz Besiktas, Istanbul, Turkey (010 90 160 4533).

ATHENS FESTIVAL
Three months of opera, ballet, theatre and concerts by Greek and international companies and artists, centred on the Odeon of Herod Atticus. Programme to be announced.
June 17-Sept 15: National Tourist Board of Greece, 195 Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 5997).

LENINGRAD WHITE NIGHTS
Marks the zenith of Leningrad's holiday season, when the sun barely touches the horizon at midnight. Special performances of classical and popular dance by the Kirov State Opera and Ballet Theatre, and a concert by students of the Agrippina Vaganova School of Choreography.
June 21-29: Intourist offers two-week tours.
Heritage offers a trip from June 19-28, again combining with Moscow: £895 includes four performances, full board, transfers, and a full programme of sightseeing.

CARINTHIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL
In the lake district of Austria, two summer months of recitals, symphony and chamber concerts, in the Congress Hall of the spa and market town of Villach and in the abbey church of Ossiach. Christa Ludwig gives this year's opening recital: other artists include Rudolf Buchbinder, the Bartok Quartet, Mask and Music-Theatre Vienna, Walter Klien and I Solisti Veneti. The latter part of the festival, from Aug 9-15, features a Mozart Festival. For details see August.
June 28-Aug 27: Carinthian Summer Festival Office, A-9570 Ossiach, Austria (010 43 510/502).

ARLES FESTIVAL OF POPULAR ARTS AND TRADITIONS
A town crammed with vestiges of Romano-Gallic and Provencal civilization hosts performances by regional companies in its Roman theatre, amphitheatre, churches and streets. A good idea to combine it, in its latter weeks, with Aix and Orange (For details see July).
June-July: 35 Place de la Republique, 13200 Arles, France (010 33 9096 4700).

SPOLETO FESTIVAL OF THE TWO WORLDS
Gian-Carlo Menotti's festival includes concerts, ballet, opera, theatre, brass bands, exhibitions. The young musicians' midday concerts in churches or small theatre are well worth visiting.
End of June-early July: Via Giustolo 10, Spoleto, Umbria, Italy (010 39 743 28120).

JULY

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO
Last lap (July 1-4) features Purcell's masque, *The Faerie Queene*, produced by Luca Ronconi for The Early Opera Project whose ravishing *Orfeo* was successfully brought to last year's Proms. The event will take place in the courtyard of the Palazzo Pitti. For details see May.

SAVONLINNA OPERA FESTIVAL
The festival which raised the status of opera in Finland and is attracting increasing international attention. New Finnish works take their place alongside stimulating productions of repertory opera, all in a setting of water, birches, and castles. Aulis Salinen's *The King goes forth to France* returns again this year. New to the festival this year are productions of *Khovanschina* and *Carmen* by the Estonia Theatre.
July 3-Aug 2: Savonlinna Opera Festival, Olavinkatu 35, SF-57130 Savonlinna, Finland (010 358 957 22 684).
Sovereign offers a five-night fully inclusive package for £983 staying at Helsinki and the resort of Kerimaki. Departures on July 7, 14, 28.

VERONA: 65TH OPERA FESTIVAL
Opera, ballet and a handful of concerts, all in Verona's open air arena, with festival accommodation both in the city and in nearby lakeside resorts. This year's programme includes *La traviata*, *Aida*, *Madam Butterfly* and *The Nutcracker*.
July 4-Aug 30: Ente Lirico Arena di Verona, Piazza Bra 28, 37100 Verona, Italy (010 39 45 23520).
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LJUBLJANA: 35TH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL
A typically busy festival season in the capital of Slovenia, with its baroque and renaissance old town. Orchestral concerts, chamber music and recitals with visiting artists including the Moscow and Cracow Philharmonic Orchestras. Full programme to be announced.
July 13-Aug 31: Festival Ljubljana, Trg francoske revolucije 1, YU-61000 Ljubljana, Yugoslavia (010 38 221948).

CHOREGIES D'ORANGE
Heat, the scent of lavender, terracotta rooftops and opera in one of Provence's finest Roman theatres. This year's programme of opera, choral works and recitals includes *The Flying Dutchman* with Simon Estes, and Massenet's *Herodiade*, with Caballé and Carreras.
Mid July-Mid Aug: Chorégies d'Orange, Postbox 160, F-84105 Orange, France. (010 33 90 342424).

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MACERATA FESTIVAL
An entirely open air opera festival at the Sferisferio. Set in the foothills of the Appenines, its opera performances are gaining increasingly wide recognition. This year's programme includes *Manon* (Gasdia, Araiza), *Manon Lescaut* (Freni, Dvorsky, Romero), and *La Traviata* (Gruberova, Carreras).
July 19-Aug 17: Arena Sferisferio, Piazza della Liberta 18, Macerata, Italy (010 39 733 49500).

BATIGNANO: MUSICA NEL CHIOSTRO
Adam Pollock's enterprising young company perform early and rare contemporary opera as night falls in the cloister of a convent. This year they plan to stage Beethoven's *Leonore, Fidelio's* original , directed by Graham Vick and conducted by Stephen Barlow.
July 20-Aug 9: Santa Croce, 58041 Batignano, Comune di Grosseto, Italy (010 39 564 38096).

BREGENZ FESTIVAL
A lighthearted festival, with main operatic events on the floating stage on the Bodensee, backed by the mountains of the Vorarlberg. This year *The Tales of Hoffman* (Savary) and Verdi's *Ernani* (Lima, Bruson, Millo).
July 21-Aug 23: Bregenzer Festplele, Postfach 19, Bregenz, Vorarlberg, Austria (010 43 5574 22811).
Brompton offers a week's trip, departing July 25, to include B&B at the Hotel Schwärzler, two operas and one orchestral concert at £540.

MONTEPULCIANO CANTIERE INTERNAZIONALE D'ARTE
One of Italy's liveliest, most youthful and most carefree festivals, founded by Hans Werner Henze to provide workshops and platforms for young musicians and composers. This year's opera is called *Si*, by Mascagni. One of the most tempting events is a chamber opera for children by Giovanna Marini based on Italo Calvino's *Marcovaldo*; one of the most eccentric is a street *Via Crucis* from the Piazza Grande to san Biagio, with Marcel Marceau, town band and clergy. Marceau also gives special mime workshops.
July 23-Aug 10: c/o Comune di Montepulciano, Siena, Italy (010 39 578 757089).

SALZBURG FESTIVAL
The festival of Western Europe presents opera, oratorio, and countless concerts and recitals in the course of six weeks. Opera, of course, is its main raison d'être, with this year's bill including *Don Giovanni*, produced and conducted by von Karajan; *Le nozze di Figaro* (Ponelle/Levine); *Die Entführung* (Schaaf/Stein); and *Il ritorno d'Ulisse* (Hampe/Tate). Jessye Norman will sing Isolde's *Liebestod* in a concert performance conducted by von Karajan.
July 26-Aug 31: Direktion der Salzburger Festspiele, Salzberg Festpielhaus, Salzburg, Austria (010 43 662 42541).
Sovereign offers a seven-night trip from £450-£570 including one opera, two concerts, one marionette-theatre performance.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE: FESTIVAL INTERNATIONALE D'ART LYRIQUE ET DE MUSIQUE
Summer in Cézanne's Provence means opera in the newly expanded theatre in the courtyard of the Archbishop's Palace, concerts in the courtyard of the Hotel de Ville, and recitals in oleander-scented cloisters. This year's programme has still to be announced.
July-Aug: Bureau de Festival, Palais de l'Ancien Archevêché, 13100 Aix-en-Provence, France (010 33 233781).
Henebery offers a deal from July 18-26 costing £290 for half-board; tickets extra.

AUGUST

BAYREUTH: RICHARD WAGNER FESTIVAL
The year without the *Ring*: instead a new production of *Lohengrin* by Werner Herzog; *Tannhauser* (Wolfgang Wagner/Sinopoli), *Tristan* (Ponnelle/Barenboim), *Maistersinger* (Wagner/Schonwandt) and *Parsifal* (Friedrich/Barenboim).
July 25-Aug 28: Postfach 2320, Bayreuth D-8580, West Germany (010 49 921 20221).
Henebery goes from Aug 16-24, charging £415 for guesthouse accommodation, tickets extra.

PESARO: ROSSINI FESTIVAL
This year the festival boasts productions of *Ermione*, *L'occasione fa il ladro* and *L'inganno infelice*.
Aug 4-Sept 7: Comune de Pesaro, Via Rossini 37, Pesaro, Italy (010 39 721 67041).
JMB offers air or sea-drive packages of two to three nights from £189, as well as a two-centre holiday with Verona.

CARINTHIAN SUMMER MOZART FESTIVAL
A festival within a festival: six days of Mozart in Villach and Ossiach.
Aug 9-14: Carinthian Summer Festival, A-9570 Ossiach, Austria (010 43 510/512).

AARHUS FESTIVAL
Denmark's answer to Edinburgh scoops *The Ring* this year. Danish National Opera offers three cycles in German, directed by Klaus Hoffmeyer and conducted by Francesco Cristofoli. Backed up by more than 2000 performances of music, theatre, ballet, sport and cinema in this Viking harbour town.
Aug 18-Sept 6: Danish Tourist Board, Sceptre House, 169-173 Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 2637/2638).
Heritage offers a trip from Aug 24-31 at £895 to include four tickets, half-board, city tour and a full day's excursion.

HELSINKI FESTIVAL
Chamber music, jazz and light music in the Kaivopuisto Park are some of the features of Finland's most wide-ranging summer festival. This year's theme is "Arts in the American Continent".
Aug 21-Sept 7: Unionkatu 28, SF-00100 Helsinki, Finland (010 358 90 659 688).

26th STRESA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
The venues are half the attraction: Lake Maggiore is the backdrop to performances in the church of S Ambrogio, the Tapestry Hall of the Palazzo Borromeo, Isola Bella, and the Loggia del Cashmere on the Isola Madre. This year's programme has yet to be announced.
Aug 25-Sept 20: Settimane Musicali di Stresa, Via R Bonghi 4, 28049 Stresa, Lago Maggiore, Italy (010 39 323 31095).
Heritage plans one trip from Sept 1-8 at £940 to include four performances, half-board, excursion to Borromean Islands.

SEPTEMBER

23rd BRATISLAVA MUSIC FESTIVAL
The annual autumn festival of Slovakia's medieval capital. Venues like the Hall of Mirrors in the Primatial Palace and the music hall of Bratislava Castle host concerts by the Czech Symphony Orchestra, a production of Gluck's chamber opera *I Cinesi*, and a performance of Shostakovich's Leningrad Symphony by the Brno State Philharmonic.
Sept 10-Oct 8: Palackeno 2, CS-81601 Bratislava, Czechoslovakia (010 38 331064).
Brompton offers seven nights departing Sept 23 for £355, including festival tickets and a visit to Prague and Brno.

INTERNATIONAL BRUCKNER FESTIVAL: LINZ
Beethoven and Moussorgsky — even a concert performance of *Götterdämmerung* — feature in this heavy-weight festival backed a two-day Ars Electronica Festival (Sept 16-19)
Sept 13-Oct 4: Brucknerhaus, Untere Donaulande 7, A-4010 Linz, Austria (010 43 732 75225).

WARSAW: 30th INTERNATIONAL AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
Composers and performers from a wide variety of countries meet to make music from all periods — from the classical to the avant-garde and experimental.
Sept 15-25: Central Office of Polish Composers Association, Rynek Starego Miasta 27, PL-00272 Warsaw, Poland (010 48 31 0607).

STYRIAN AUTUMN FESTIVAL: GRAZ
A lively and enterprising festival with a strong, sometimes controversial emphasis on the avant-garde. This year sees the world premiere of Friedrich Cerha's opera, *The Pied Piper*, and Mauricio Kagel's ballet *Tanzschule*.
Sept 19-Oct 31: Steirischer Herbst, Sackstrasse 17/1, A-8010 Graz, Austria (010 43 316 730070).

OCTOBER

BARCELONA: 24th INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
Programmes of Catalan music as well as international visiting orchestras and soloists, with popular concerts in various neighbouring districts. The definitive programme appears in May.
Oct 1-31: Amadeu Vives, Barcelona 3, Spain (010 34 31 79928).

36th WEXFORD FESTIVAL
Eire's "Weiss Fjord" is part of the atmosphere of Wexford's characterful festival of opera. This year's line-up of rarities includes Bellini's *La straniera*, Giordano's *La cena delle beffe*, and Massenet's *Cendrillon*.
Oct 21-Nov 1: Theatre Royal, High Street, Wexford, Eire (010 353 53 22240).
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NOVEMBER

MADRID 4th JAZZ FESTIVAL
At the Alcala Palace Theatre and other venues: international guests and groups from throughout Spain.
Nov 1-31: Oficina de Coordinacion Artistica, Ministerio de Cultura, Plaza del Rey 1, Madrid, Spain (010 34 91 2213209).

DECEMBER

LOGROÑO: 10th NAGIONAL ZARZUELA CYCLE
Spain's unique song-and-dance operetta has a week's celebration in the Municipal Auditorium at Logroño.
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THE WEEK AHEAD



THEATRE

PEW CORNER: James Baldwin's "hot gospel" drama *The Amen Corner* has an all-black cast of actors and singers headed by Carmen Munroe, Al Matthews and Clarke Peters. Munroe plays Sister Margaret, preacher in a "store front" Harlem church; Matthews is her estranged husband. Anton Phillips's Carib Theatre production is the first to transfer from the Tricycle, Kilburn, to the West End. Lyric, Shaftesbury (01-437 3686/434 1050), today (matinee and evening), Mon, press night Tues.



GALLERIES

BODY TALK: Lucas Cranach's leggy, seductive girls side by side with Rubens's more robust matrons illustrate the changes that have taken place in the perception of female beauty — one of the themes explored in Bodylines, an exhibition chosen from the National Gallery's extensive collection. The Human Figure in Art establishes a fairly broad guideline for the show, but it addresses specifically the expressive potential of gestures and poses. The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), from Wed.



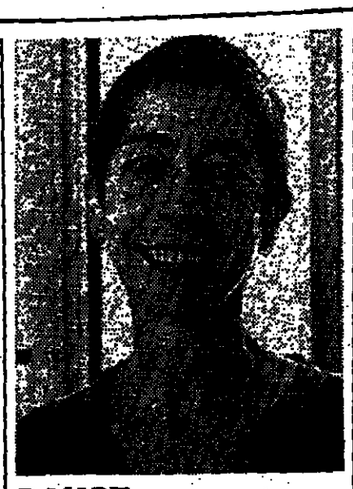
CONCERTS

CELLO CHOICE: Giuseppe Sinopoli, who often attracts controversy with highly individual interpretations of a wide-ranging repertoire, conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in an unusual programme which includes Lalo's Cello Concerto. The soloist, Matt Haimovitz, has been described by his New York mentor Leonard Rose as "probably the greatest talent I have ever taught." Also on the bill: Debussy's *Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune* and Elgar's Symphony No.2. Festival Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.



FILMS

SPYCATCHER: Michael Caine returns to movie espionage in *The Fourth Protocol* (15), an old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato with a covertly assembled atomic bomb. Caine, ever watchable, is the maverick spycatcher pitted against the KGB's top agent. John MacKenzie directs; the supporting cast is large and skilled, though no-one attempts the slightest foreign accent. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Friday.



DANCE

NEW STEPS: Viola Farber came to Britain as one of Merce Cunningham's partners in his barrier-breaking London debut at Sadlers Wells, two decades ago. Concentrating nowadays on teaching and choreography, Farber remains an iconoclastic figure with a strong sense of humour. She and fellow-American David Gordon have created the new programme which Extemporary Dance Theatre bring to London this week. The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), Tues until Mar 21.



BOOKS

CHOSEN PEOPLE: Paul Johnson, the provocative journalist, controversialist, and megahistorian of *A History of the Modern World*, turns his attention to 4,000 years of Jewish history. He takes into the story the impact of Jewish genius and imagination on the world, the invention of ethical monotheism (perhaps the most important single event in human history), but also the large role that Jews played in the creation of the modern world. Published Thurs by Weidenfeld and Nicolson price £16.95.

THEATRE

CHILDREN'S ROYAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE 1987: Russ Abbott, Little & Large, Five Star, Roland Rat, Les Dennis, Simon Groom, Keith Chegwin and many others, in the presence of HRH The Princess Margaret. In aid of the NSPCC. London Palladium (bookings: 01-242-1626). Sun at 7pm. £10-£50.

OPENINGS

HENRY IV Parts 1 and 2, HENRY V: Michael Bogdanov and Michael Pennington's English Shakespeare Company conclude a 14-week tour with their London debut, featuring Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, John Woodvine as Falstaff and Chorus. The plays are presented in repertory until May 2, with all three each Saturday: morning, afternoon and evening. Old Vic (01-928 7616). Henry IV pt 1 Mon and Tues; Pt 2 Wed matinée and evening; Henry V Thurs and Fri.

MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS: William Finn's 1981 off-Broadway musical has an advance reputation for wry humour in the Woody Allen mould. Martin Smith plays the bi-sexual central character; Roger Haines and Paul Kerryson co-direct. Albery (01-836-3878). Previews from Wed. Opens Mar 24.

NEEDLES OF LIGHT: Foco Novo Company in the latest from James Pettifer, "A Story from the Spanish Civil War" of four Welsh volunteers for the International Brigades. Riverside Studios (01-748-3354). Opens Wed.

NUNSENSE: US cult success comedy musical by Dan Goggin, directed by Richard Digby Day. The surviving five nuns of a convent where mass poisoning has occurred decide to present a fund-raising performance. Stars Honor Blackman, Anna Sharkey, Louise Gold, Pip Hinton, Bronwen Stanway. Fortune (01-836-2238). Previews from Wed. Opens Mar 23.

SELECTED

HIGH SOCIETY: The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Victoria Palace (01-834 1317).

BREAKING THE CODE: Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as Turing, computer genius and homosexual. Haymarket (01-930 9832).

PEER GYNT: Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production. Playhouse, Harlow (0279 31943).

OUT OF TOWN

BELFAST: Moodie in Manitoba: Rare revival of George Shiels's comedy about a Belfast house painter in turn-of-the-century Canada. Lyric Players (0232 660081). Opens Wed.

BRISTOL: Road: Ian Dury stars in the Royal Court production of Jim Cartwright's promenade play about a small Lancashire town. On tour. New Vic (0272 24388). Opens Tues. Until Mar 21.

LEICESTER: Bophal: Direct from the National Theatre, Percy Mtwa's study of life for a black policeman in South Africa, presented by the Earth Players (Johannesburg). Only Midlands booking. Haymarket Studio (0533 539797). Opens Mon.

FILMS ON TV

SHANGHAI EXPRESS (1932): Josef von Sternberg directed Marlene Dietrich in six films, none more atmospheric and sensuous than this tale of a fallen woman meeting her long-ago true love on the eponymous train. Channel 4, Wed, 2.30-4pm.

DAVID COPPERFIELD (1935): The surprise is that this Americanized Dickens, directed by George Cukor, works wonderfully, with W.C. Fields as Mr Micawber. BBC2, today, 3-5.05pm.

THE SEVENTH SEAL (1957): The medieval allegory that brought Ingmar Bergman international acclaim now seems a little heavy in its symbolism, but the famous chess game with Death is still powerful. BBC2, today, 10.20-11.55pm.

NO SURRENDER (1985): Wayward black comedy-farce set in a tacky Liverpool club with tons of inventive writing (Alan Bleasdale) and exuberant acting from the likes of Bernard Hill. Channel 4, Thurs, 9-11pm.



● George Cukor was the master of the Hollywood urbane romantic comedy of the 1930s and 40s, with Katharine Hepburn one of his frequent stars. In the 1940 film *The Philadelphia Story* (BBC1, tomorrow, 3-4.50pm) she gave one of her most sparkling performances as wealthy socialite Tracey Lord, with Cary Grant as her returning ex-hubby.

JAZZ

BATH JAZZ FESTIVAL: Lots of action with bebop from the Tommy Chase Quartet (tonight, UBSA Centre, Bath University), hard bop from the Ronnie Scott Quintet (tomorrow, Chemies Club), trad from Digby Fairweather with the Bath City Jazzmen (Wed, The Ram, Widcombe), and steaming organ jazz from the Mike Carr Quartet with Dick Morrissey and Jim Mullen (Thurs, Chemies Club). From tonight (information: 0225 63362/66411).

CRAIG HARRIS: Fine US avant-garde trombonist with a quintet including the drummer Pheeroan ak Laff. Tonight, Albany Empire, Douglas Way, London SE8 (01-691 3333).

JACK WALRATH: Best known for his work with Charles Mingus, the American trumpeter is touring with a British quartet, Spirit Level. Tomorrow, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476); Mon, Four Bars Inn, Cardiff (0222 483422).

MARK MURPHY: Newly popular with the Wag Club crowd, Murphy puts words and his agile voice to bebop standards. Wed/Thurs, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476).

ROCK

TOM VERLAINE: Touring with the same studio musicians from his new album, *Flashlight*, including Patti Smith's drummer, Jay Dee Daugherty, and the original bass player from Television, Fred Smith. Tomorrow, Leicester University (0533 522522); Tue, Beer Keller, Bristol (0272 28514); Wed, Irish Centre, Leeds (0532 480887); Thurs, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050).

LIONEL RICHIE: Since leaving The Commodores in 1981, he has achieved outstanding international recognition. More dates are planned for May. Mon, Tue & Wed, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133).

KODO: Japanese company who build walls of polyrhythmic sound using an arsenal of exotic, traditional percussion instruments. Mon until March 28, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

MAZE: The return of Frankie Beverly's smooth soul sensation. Isn't it about time they had a hit? Tue & Wed, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775); Thurs for four nights, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 2812).

CONCERTS

PROKOFIEV'S PETER: Penelope Keith is the narrator in Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, a story for children with spruce and melodious musical illustrations. The programme also includes Debussy's exotic *Danse sacrée et Danse profane* with John Marson (harp), Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and Boyce's Symphony No.1. St Saviour's Church, Walton Street, London SW3 (01-878 7691).

RUSSIAN EVENING: Yuri Temirkanov conducts the RPO in Mussorgsky's *Night on a Bare Mountain*, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 (soloist, Peter Donohoe) and Act 2 of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

CHUNG/LSO: The LSO is conducted by Myung Whun Chung in Beethoven's *Prometheus* Overture and Shostakovich's Symphony No.6, and in Chopin's Piano Concerto No.1 the soloist is Fou Ts'ong. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

PAUL TORTELIER: The great cellist gives his only London recital this season, performing Bach's Suite No.3, Debussy's Sonata, Beethoven's Mozart Variations, movements from Granados's *Goyescas*, Sarasate's *Zapateado* and his own *Mon Cirque*. Barbican Centre. Mon, 7.45pm.

RARE SZYMANOWSKI: Szymanowski's little-heard *Harnasie* Ballet Suite is performed by the BBC SO, as is Sibelius's Symphony No.4. Sir John Pritchard conducts, and the BBC Symphony Chorus and soloists join in the Dvorak's *Te Deum*. Festival Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

BEETHOVEN/-MICHELANGELI: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.5, "Emperor", with the LSO under Sir Colin Davis. Later comes Sibelius's Symphony No.1. Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: *Ariadne auf Naxos* returns to Covent Garden in Jean-Louis Martinoty's vivacious production, conducted by Sir Colin Davis. Performances tonight, Tues and Fri at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Another Jonathan Miller week at the Coliseum. Tonight, Tues and Thurs at 7.30pm his witty, all-white 1920s-style *Mikado*: on Wed and Mar 21 at 8pm his controversial *Tosca* set in Nazi-occupied Rome. Fri at 7.30pm, *Akhnaten*, Philip Glass's minimalist opera of Ancient Egypt in David Freeman's hypnotic ritual production. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: Start their nationwide tour of *Ruddigore* with performances of Ian Judge's stylish production of the G & S mock-melodrama on Tues through Mar 21 at 7.30pm, with a Sat matinée at 2.30pm. Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (0783 42517).

SCOTTISH OPERA: On Tues and Fri, John Cox's new production of *Der Fliegende Holländer*; on Thurs a single, unmissable performance of Janáček's Dostoevsky opera, *From the House of the Dead*; and on Wed and Mar 21, Cox's affectionate production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. King's Theatre, Edinburgh (031 229 1201). 7.15pm.

LONDON BAROQUE OPERA: Present a rare fully-staged performance of Lully's *Proserpine* on Wed, Thurs and Fri at 7pm. Hinde Street Church, London W1 (01-935 6179).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

THE PRIVATE DEGAS: Paintings, pastels, drawings and sculptures thoughtfully displayed to explore this Impressionist's surprisingly traditional working methods. Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (0223 332900), lower galleries Tues-Sat 10am-2pm, upper galleries Tues-Sat 2-5pm, all galleries Sun 2.15-5pm, free, until May 3. From Tues.

RICHARD WENTWORTH: New works by a controversial young artist whose tin bath sculptures caused an outcry last year. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-741 2251). Tues-Sun noon-8pm, free, until April 12. From Tues.

WHITECHAPEL OPEN: An exciting and varied annual exhibition selected from works submitted by artists living in East London. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11am-4.50pm, Wed 11am-7.50pm, free, until April 26. From Fri.



● John James Audubon, the American water colourist, devoted his life (1785-1851) to publishing a small edition of hand-coloured prints depicting *Birds of America*. Schuster Gallery, 14 Maddox Street, London W1 (01-491 2208); Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until April 14. From Thurs.

SARGY MANN: This artist's first one-man show for ten years. Cadoghan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (01-581 5451). Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until April 4. From Mon.

SELECTED

BRITISH ART 1920-1960: The second instalment of this show covers the 1950s, a period poorly covered in the Royal Academy's current survey. Blond Fine Art, 22 Princes Street, London W1 (01-437 1230), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 21.

PETER BLAKE: Commercial work, LP covers, posters and book jackets, by the former Pop artist and New Ruralist. Art Gallery and Museum, Schoolhill, Aberdeen (0224 646333), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free. Ends today.

DAVID BOMBERG: Paintings and drawings covering the career of an influential stylist and teacher. Mayor Gallery, 22A Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3558), Mon-Fri 10-5.30, Sat 10-1pm, free. Ends today.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Only two performances this week of the new *Swan Lake*, with Fiona Chadwick and Jay Jolley in the leads Wed, Ravenna Tucker and Phillip Broomhead Thurs. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET: This week's programmes at Birmingham include David Bintley's latest hit, *Allegri Diversi*, to Rossini music, on a bill (Thurs, Fri) with three premieres — Susan Crow's *Private City*, Graham Lustig's *Paramour*, and Derek Deane's *Picture Of Dorian Gray*. Also *Coppelia* (Tue-Thurs plus Mar 21). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7846).

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Another *Swan Lake*, André Prokovsky's dramatic small-scale production, at Swansea today, Bath Tue to Mar 21. Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715). Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065).

TELEVISION



● Jimmy Nail is blessed with the face and physique of a screen thug, as well as an innate sense of comic timing and expression, brilliantly exploited in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*. Both facets of his personality are used to the full in *Shoot for the Sun*, a bleak and brutal low life drama of the heroin trade in the Scottish urban wastelands, in which he plays a failed bank robber. BBC 1, Mon, 10.10-11.35pm.

GOING HOME: The BBC, undaunted by the hostile reception for *The Monocled Mutineer*, takes another stab at a First World War mutiny, this time by Canadians desperate to cross the Atlantic and escape the tyrannical regime of a bleak, unheated, insanitary Welsh repatriation camp. BBC 2, Sun, 10.05-11.45pm.

RUDE HEALTH: John Wells employs his natural acting skills as Dr Sweet, an obnoxious, malingering medical practitioner bullying fellow doctors and patients indiscriminately in a new seven-part comedy by Phil Gould and Quentin Brown. Channel 4, Mon, 9.30-10pm.

EARTH: Second programme which charts in user-friendly ecological terms the decline in the health of Planet Earth and growing awareness of the destruction inflicted by mankind's blind pursuit of material wealth. ITV, Tues, 10.30-11.30pm.

RADIO

THE THATCHER EFFECT: A new series by Mary Goldring is always a major event. This time she will be examining the economic and social changes in Britain since Mrs Thatcher came to power. Radio 4, Wednesday, 8.15-9.00pm.

ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Michael Frayn's philosophical comedy, set in the cuttings library of a provincial newspaper, is the Saturday Night Theatre production. Martin Jarvis, Rosalind Ayres and Penelope Wilton lead the cast. Radio 4, Saturday, 7.00-8.30pm.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE: Robin Glendinning's black comedy is set in Belfast and explores the frightening realities of political life there. This is the Monday Play in Radio 4's Irish Week. Radio 4, Monday, 8.15-9.45pm.

ST MARK PASSION: A recently-discovered setting of the Passion according to St Mark by C.P.E. Bach opens Radio 3's season of music for Lent and Easter. This will be the first ever UK performance. Radio 3, Thursday, 2.00-4.30pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

DAVID BUCKLAND AND NEAL SLAVIN: Two very different approaches to large scale colour portraiture; Buckland with his grand set pieces creates a surreal theatricality while Slavin, with his series called "Britons", has a more documentary approach — groups and their environments all contribute to a greater understanding of the individual. Photographers Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (01-832 1772). From Fri until Apr 25.



Renaissance elegance: the soaring capriole, an essential element of 16th-century horsemanship, to be executed with "an admirable nonchalance" (taken from the book based on the series, Horses, Collins Willow £14.95)

Man's kingdom for a horse

The series was originally to be called *My Kingdom for a Horse*. It would have been a more appropriate title than the unimaginative *Horses*, which evokes quite the wrong expectation.

Scottish Television's six-part series is not about the beauty of the animal, or about pony clubs, the Grand National, Sloany yelpings at Badminton, the joy of riding, or Trigger. "It's a series about horse and man," explains writer-director Jan Darnley-Smith. "The effect of the horse on man's history and of man on the horse's development.

"It's obviously true to say that the history of man would have been quite different without the horse. But we're also saying that once man sat on the back of a horse he could bestride the world. And he did."

The series is one of STV's biggest ever documentary projects (although they are coy about the exact millions it cost) and involved filming on the Asian steppes, in the United States and Jordan as well as closer to home.

In Oklahoma, the director failed to find enough North American Indians to demonstrate how close their riding style was to that of the Asiatic nomadic tribes, and how different it was from the European method. "I was hoping to film 300 galloping Arapahos. I had forgotten that American Indians had not sat on a horse for three generations. So I had to do a quick rewrite, using about two-and-a-half Indians."

The Soviet authorities, after vain attempts to persuade Darnley-Smith to film "endless stud farms", finally allowed the crew to shoot in the Caucasian steppes to illustrate an important part of the series' thesis. "Our ancestors came out of the steppes; and when they came out they did so on the back of rough little ponies. We are here today because of the horse."

Jan Darnley-Smith's directorial credits include several children's films, a silent Benny Hill short and a Welsh comedy series. A once gifted but lapsed horseman, he was, he says, "provoked into the idea of the series by Lucinda Green".

The former champion eventer (more famous as Lucinda Prior-Palmer) sent Darnley-Smith a book about horses through the ages "with wonderful pictures but awful text. I thought that making a film about that would be very boring but it spurred me to think of a programme about the relationship between horse and man". The project has taken him three years.

There are some fascinating bit-parts. The adventure writer Hammond Innes turns out to be an authority on the ancient history of the horse; Anouska Hempel discusses the influence of the horse on fashion, from jeans (devised as strong trousers for cowboys) to the polo neck sweater; the Marquess of Anglesey talks about the importance of the horse in war.

Marcel Berlins

Horses starts today on Channel 4 at 7.30pm and continues at that time for six weeks.

FILMS

OPENINGS

COME AND SEE (15): Powerful Soviet film about Nazi atrocities in Byelorussia, directed by Elem Klimov, the new president of the Soviet Filmmakers Union. With Alexai Kravchenko as the teenager wandering through a nightmare of blood and bullets. Curzon Phoenix (formerly Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road) (01-240 9661). From Fri.

WORKING GIRLS (18): A documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. Louise Smith heads a cast of professional actresses. Camden Plaza (01-636 6148). From Fri.

SELECTED

THE GREEN RAY (PG): Eric Rohmer's improvized tale of a diffident Parisian on holiday. Garrulous, whimsical; a sizeable hit in France. With Marie Rivière. Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742), Renoir (01-837 8402).

THE COLOR OF MONEY (15): Martin Scorsese's exciting sequel to *The Hustler*, with Paul Newman as the veteran pool player trying to get back in the game. Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252).

KINOSHITA SEASON: The NFT salue to this chameleon-like director embraces severe drama (*A Japanese Tragedy*, today), crazy satire (*Carmen's Pure Love*, Sun) and delicate romance (*You Were Like a Wild Chrysanthemum*, Thurs). Not to be missed. National Film Theatre (01-928 3232).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC STRATFORD SEASON: Booking for 15 new productions including *Julius Caesar*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Twelfth Night* at Royal Shakespeare Theatre. April-August. RSC, Stratford (0789 295623).

RSC LONDON SEASON: Booking for six new productions at the Barbican, with *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Richard II* at the Barbican Theatre; and *Country Dancing*, *Sarcophagus* and *Worlds Apart* at the Pit. From March 25. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL: The 20th-century opera season includes Peter Maxwell Davies's *The Martyrdom of St Magnus* by Opera Factory London Sinfonietta; Ian McQueen's *Acts of Faith* by Cockpit Opera; plus works by Harrison Birtwhistle and Michael Nyman. Also films, talks, exhibition and performance of Odaline de la Martinez's *Sister Aimée*. Donmar Warehouse and other London venues. May 7-June 6. Donmar Warehouse Theatre, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-379 6565).

LAST CHANCE

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?: Billie Whitelaw and Patrick Stewart in Albee drama. Ends today. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363).

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID: The Barbican's first five years recorded in the world's newspapers; plus display of posters. Ends tomorrow. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

JULIUS CAESAR: Last performance tonight of debut production of Bristol Old Vic's new multi-cultural Company 3, with imaginative treatment of Shakespeare's play in staging by Greek designer. New Vic, King Street, Bristol (0272 277466).

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Television: Bob Williams; Radio: Nigel Andrews; Films on TV: Marcel Berlins; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Michael Young; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.